

St Joseph's Roman Catholic VA Primary School, Highfield

The school is a Roman Catholic Primary School for children aged 4 – 11 years. It is organised into four classes covering the seven years of primary education. It serves the two parishes of St. Joseph's Highfield and Our Lady of Lourdes, Chopwell.

The school comprises 2 buildings. The main building consists of 2 classrooms an ICT/study room, a library, kitchen, hall, toilet, facilities and an administrative area. A smaller demountable unit contains 2 classrooms and toilets. The school is situated in the grounds of St. Joseph's Church allowing close links with the Parish. The gross internal floor area of the existing school buildings is 546m².

The new school facilities will address the following areas of concern of the existing buildings:

- The school operates from an old inappropriate building and a temporary unit. Lack of appropriate ICT facilities across both key stages. Poor disabled access. under provision of most storage needs under-sized specialist areas.
- No external grassed areas are available. The under-sized yard area is separated from a busy main road by mesh fence. Inadequate and dangerous car parking arrangements.

The new school building incorporates a building management system in the heating and ventilation systems resulting in the energy efficient operation of the building.

Other facts about the new school facilities include:

- It will cater for 105 pupils.
- The gross internal floor area of the new school facilities (including Highfield Community Primary) is 1,599m².
- Work represents a capital investment in the region of £4 million (including Highfield Community Primary).
- The new school has 4 Reception, KS1 & KS2 classbases with group working areas; learning zone area and other facilities (shared with Highfield Community Primary).
- External facilities include access to a floodlit multi use games area and sports field to Sport England standards (shared with Highfield Community Primary).
- Construction work on the new building scheduled to begin in April 2006.
- New school building ready for occupation for the start of the Summer term 2006/2007.
- External works completed for Autumn Term 2007/2008.

