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# NEWSLETTER EXTRA

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## COUNTDOWN TO CONSTRUCTION



Following last year's public meetings where the plans for our school building project were displayed in school and published in the local press. I am delighted to confirm that we are now at the stage where final Tynwald approval is being sought at the end of March for work to commence on our school site at Easter. After decades of hard work and planning we will hopefully see our plans come to fruition. Exciting times ahead. Once our building works have been completed we will have the benefit of a second hall, 5 new classrooms, full disabled access, 4 activity areas, refurbished kitchen and cafeteria, large storage areas for resources, refurbishment to all existing rooms and classrooms, removal of existing mobiles and refurbishment of the outdoor environment to include canopies, gardens etc.

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### TYNWALD APPROVAL

**MARCH 20 - 22**

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The Department of Education Children Sport and Culture will be seeking final approval from Tynwald for our building work to commence

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### **Programme including timetable for design**

Tynwald approval date	March 2018
Construction start date	30 March 2018 (start of Easter holidays)
Construction period	March 2018 to Mid August 2019
Construction completion date	Mid August 2019 – to then allow time for loose fit-out and setting up prior to new school year starting early September 2019
Required occupation dates	School occupied at all times out-with school holiday periods



Subject to Tynwald approval - Auldyn Construction Limited will be moving on site at school and their site headquarters will be located on the school field on the Woodbourne Road side . Work will commence with the relocation of the double mobile to the rear of the existing single mobile.

We have formed a Governor's Sub- Committee consisting of our Parent Governor - Mrs Charlton, our Department appointed Governor - Mrs Brown and our Chair of Governors - Mrs Watson. They will be meeting every fortnight together with our Teacher Governor - Mrs Quinn and our Senior Leadership Team - Mr Short, Mrs Callow, Mrs Wainwright and Mrs Pringle. Our School Council will also meet to put forward the pupil voice during the construction time. Auldyn Construction will be holding regular school assemblies and site learning walks for our pupils.

Throughout the construction period our main concern will be the safety and welfare of our students and we will be working closely with Mr Adrian Mooney - Health and Safety Co-Ordinator for the Department ensuring that full risk assessments are carried out at each new phase of our building plans.

I am sure that during this exciting time we will no doubt experience some level of disruption especially as part of the school will need to be closed and classes decanted to mobile classrooms that have been made available. As each phase is finished this will require new parts of the school to be closed and further decanting of classes.

I have no doubt that we will all benefit from the final upgrading of our school, The pupils will be encouraged to be part of this development, recording events, photographing the site as it develops and creating a visual diary for future generations. This year sees the 50th anniversary of St Mary's School from the humble beginnings in 1968 when the school moved from Finch Road to our current site and we will delay our celebrations to include a grand opening and big community celebration once the building works have been completed.

This month representatives from the Liverpool Archdiocese will be meeting with Government and other agencies involved, the DOI, Department of Education Children Sport and Culture and Auldyn Construction prior to the Tynwald hearing. Our next Newsletter Extra will inform all our families of the outcome of this meeting, the Tynwald hearing and the details of Phase One of our Construction.