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Work at St Mary's to commence imminently

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£3.6million investment in 'inadequate' facilities

The proposed £3.6million development of St Mary's Primary School in Douglas is set to get underway imminently.

Tynwald showed unanimous support to Education Minister Graham Cregeen's move to carry out the extension and refurbishment works - improving what he called 'inadequate' core facilities.

Plans were first unveiled last May, with pupils and parents invited to comment on the proposals.

Mr Cregeen says there are several major problems that urgently need to be addressed:

TYNWALD APPROVAL

MARCH 20 - 22

The Department of Education Children Sport and Culture have been granted final approval from Tynwald for our building work to commence at Easter

Programme for March and April 2018

Now that Tynwald have granted permission for the building work to commence - **Phase One** of the Government Building Programme begins :

- Double Mobile to be refurbished and relocated over the Easter Holidays and will be positioned behind the single mobile on the School Field
- Building Site Compound to be established over the Easter Holidays and will be located along the field on the Woodbourne Road side. Access to the Compound by site vehicles will be from Woodbourne Road.
- Pedestrian Access to school will only be via St Mary's Road - through the Front gate and Somerset Road - side gate. The swing gate on Woodbourne Road will be closed. The crossing patrol officer will still be located on Woodbourne Road to allow crossing and access to St Mary's Road.

Phase One - Classroom Re-location

- The 2 Year 6 classes will be relocating to a double mobile at St Ninian's School. The pupils will have access to the Food Technology Block and the Lecture Theatre. Toilet facilities are currently being constructed in the mobile block and a safe walkway around the edge of the St Ninian's Tennis court is also being constructed. After Easter the Year 6 pupils will come to school as usual and their register will be taken at St Mary's before the whole class then cross over to St Ninian's. They will return to school for break times, lunchtimes and at the end of each day.
- 2 of our Year 4/5 Classes, Saint Veronica and Saint Jude, will be moving out to the refurbished double mobile as construction commences on the side of their current classrooms as part of phase one.
- We will then need to combine the current Year 1 and 2 classes. At the moment we have 4 small classes and these will be combined into 3 medium sized classes with the additional teacher becoming part of the support team that will work with all three classes. The parents of all pupils affected by this re-structure will be written to by Mrs Callow our Deputy Head and KeyStage 1 co-ordinator, so that every pupil is prepared for the changes when they return after Easter.

Information

- Throughout the construction period, which is likely to be 18 months we will continue to update parents using the Newsletter Extra. This will also be published on the school website <https://stmarys.sch.im>