



PEMBROKESHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL
NEWSLETTER
YSGOL YR EGLWYS YNG NGHYMRU
PENRHYN DEWI
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Welcome to the most recent newsletter in relation to the new 3-16 St David's School.

NAME OF THE SCHOOL

Following discussions amongst the Uniform, Name and Logo working group and a consultation period with pupils, a shortlist of names was created. We are pleased to announce that following a recommendation by the Temporary Governing Body, Pembrokeshire County Council Cabinet approved the official name of the new 3-16 school on 27 November as:

Ysgol yr Eglwys yng Nghymru Penrhyn Dewi

The school will commonly be known as Ysgol Penrhyn Dewi; this will be used on the school logo and uniform.

ADMISSIONS ARRANGEMENTS

The Temporary Governing Body has agreed the school's Admissions Arrangements for 2018/19 following a consultation period with County Council Officers, neighbouring Local Authorities and all of the Voluntary Aided Schools in Pembrokeshire. The Governing Body will be its own Admissions Authority due to it being a Voluntary Aided School and will therefore administer its own admissions.

In view of the fact that a number of new secondary schools are being established across the county in September 2018, the deadline for applications for secondary transfers has been extended to Friday 5 January 2018.

The Temporary Governing Body will shortly be appointing an Admissions Committee which will oversee applications to the new school. Applications received after the deadline will be considered late and this may have a bearing on whether the pupil gains a place at the school. Parents will be informed of the allocation of places on 1st March 2018.

The school's Admissions Arrangements are shown overleaf, but further information about the admission procedures can be found in the 'Information for Parents' booklet on Pembrokeshire County Council's website (www.pembrokeshire.gov.uk/school-admissions). Alternatively, if you wish to contact the Admissions Team, please phone 01437 764551 or e-mail admissions@pembrokeshire.gov.uk

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Admissions arrangements and oversubscription criteria

Admission to the school is the responsibility of the Governing Body and applications should be made online via the Pembrokeshire County Council website.

The Admission Number for the school is 21 for Reception to Year 6 and 60 for Years 7 – 11 and, where the number of applications does not exceed this number, then all applicants will be admitted. Should there be more than the above number of applications received for a single year group, pupils will be admitted on the basis of the following oversubscription criteria, applied in priority order:

1. Looked After Children.
2. Children who reside in the school's catchment area.
3. Children who have brothers and sisters already attending the school at the time of admission. (To include half brothers and sisters, and children living in the same household).
4. Children of Christian denominations living outside the catchment area of the school whose parents specifically wish them to have a church school education. (With a supporting letter from their priest or minister).
5. Children of parents who wish their child to have an Anglican Church school education.

Where preferences exceed places available, priority will be given under each oversubscription category to multiple birth siblings (e.g. twins or triplets). If the last child to be admitted up to the Admission Number is one of a multiple birth, then the school will also admit the other sibling(s).

In the event of a tie, places will be offered to pupils who live nearest the school, measured by the shortest walking distance from the nearest available school gate to a point where the pupil's private dwelling meets the highway.

Parents whose application for admission is unsuccessful have the right to appeal against the decision not to admit. This appeal should be in writing and sent to the Headteacher. The appeal will be heard by an independent Appeal Panel, whose decision will be binding on all parties. Please view the section entitled "What are my rights of appeal?" in the Council's publication "Information for Parents" for additional information.

Ysgol yr Eglwys yng Nghymru Penrhyn Dewi operates a waiting list for parents where it is unable to offer a place during the normal admission round due to oversubscription. The terms applied to waiting lists are as those of the County Council, and as described in the section entitled "How are school places allocated?" in the County Council's *'Information for Parents' booklet*.

Applications for places received after the published closing date, will be considered by the school after all those applications received on time. Applications will be considered on the basis of the above oversubscription criteria, and having regard to current/prospective pupil numbers. The right to appeal also applies to late applications.

In relation to the admission arrangements of the school leading to its establishment and immediately thereafter, the following points are relevant:

- * All pupils, with the exception of Year 6, attending Ysgol Bro Dewi and Solva CP schools will, subject to parental preference, transfer automatically to the new school
- * Current Year 6 pupils wishing to join the new school in September 2018 will need to complete an online application (www.pembrokeshire.gov.uk/schools-and-learning). This applies to pupils of Ysgol Bro Dewi and Solva CP school and any other primary school even if they live within the catchment area
- * For subsequent years, a Year 6 child on roll at the new school would proceed automatically to Year 7 and would not be required to submit an application. However, if a Year 6 child attending another primary school wishes to join the new school for the secondary phase, then s/he would need to apply for a place.

YSGOL DEWI SANT - PROGRESS OF BUILDING WORK

The contractors have informed the Local Authority that the scheme is progressing well. The asbestos stripping is complete and the existing large classroom, Block 4, and the science block have now been demolished. The existing materials are being recycled at a Pembrokeshire recycling centre while the existing floor slab is being crushed on site for reuse as hard-core for the new extension.

Foundations are currently being formed with sub-structure blockwork commencing on 28th November 2017.

The internal refurbishment of the toilet areas and kitchen and dining area has also commenced.



ARTIST IMPRESSION OF THE REMODELLING OF THE DEWI SANT SITE

A THREE SITE SCHOOL - HOW WILL IT WORK?

All three sites will be an integral part of the school. Discussions are currently taking place between the Head and Temporary Governing Body on how the school will utilise the sites at their disposal; the final decision on where year groups will be placed will be undertaken by the Head and the Temporary Governing Body.

A decision on how the split site will run will also be made by the Head and Temporary Governing Body. Although pupils will be split between sites, it will be important to build one school community.

The new school will be the employer of the staff. Once a decision is made on the organisation and staffing structure of the school, there will be consultation with staff and unions on how this would impact on the organisation. Some staff may be required to travel if they are asked to teach different year groups in different locations.

TEMPORARY GOVERNING BODY - WORKING GROUPS

Working groups have been established as follows: Uniform, Name and Logo, Use of Buildings and Staffing and Curriculum. All are currently in discussions to work towards the opening of the new school in September 2018 in liaison with the Head, Senior Leaders and LA Officers.

The Temporary Governing Body has agreed on a principle of a design for the school logo to be placed on the uniform and is working alongside a Graphic Designer at Pembrokeshire County Council to create the final design. The logo has incorporated ideas from the pupil responses received after consultation. There is currently a school uniform consultation with parents of the schools before the Temporary Governing Body will make a final decision; the Temporary Governing Body hopes to inform parents of the final uniform by January 2018 in order for parents/carers to have sufficient time to buy it for the opening of the new school.

Both the Use of Buildings and Staffing and Curriculum working groups are working collaboratively to discuss how the three sites will be utilised and how the staffing structure and curriculum will be provided at the new school.

UPDATE FROM THE CHAIR OF GOVERNORS

“Following a question at a recent full County Council meeting regarding plans for 21st Century Schools funding for Solva Community School, discussions took place involving the County Council, the Diocese and representatives of the Temporary Governing Body in order to ensure that funding would be available as necessary for any future repairs and alterations. As discussions continue on the placement of the year groups, the Temporary Governing Body is totally committed to ensuring that the Solva site is fully part of the new three-site campus. There are no current obstacles to this commitment. Ongoing work within the Temporary Governing Body is being conducted on the basis of the best possible educational and health/well-being outcomes for all pupils within the Christian ethos of a Diocesan VA School.

The Temporary Governing Body will continue to consult with pupils, parents and school staff in the variety of areas already described earlier in this newsletter. We look forward to 1 January 2018 when our new Headteacher, Mr David Haynes, will be fully starting his employment with our new school.

The list of Governors has been circulated in an earlier newsletter and all Governors will be happy to listen to any relevant queries as we move towards September 2018. I am sure that all of you will know a Governor!” (Cllr David Halse, Chair of Governors)

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