



# St Cuthbert Mayne School

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Dear Friends of St Cuthbert Mayne School,

## **Re: St Cuthbert Mayne School Redevelopment**

I write with exciting news for students and staff here at St Cuthbert Mayne School!

### ***The News***

Torbay Council has approved a significant investment project at St Cuthbert Mayne to improve and re-model large parts of the school campus.

### ***The Need***

Torquay is experiencing a growth in demand for secondary school places as large primary year groups move up into the secondary sector.

The Local Authority has been looking for ways to accommodate this increase within Torquay and have brokered an agreement with St Cuthbert Mayne School for them to admit a bulge class of 60 pupils in September 2021.

### ***The Solution***

To facilitate the extra numbers and to help improve the school's accommodation, Torbay Council will fund the building project at St Cuthbert Mayne School to ensure there is sufficient, fit for purpose accommodation to meet the current Planned Admission Number and a bulge class of 60 in 2021. This is proposed as a one off increase with the expectation that the bulge class will be utilising space created by the smaller cohorts in the older year groups. The total number of pupils within the school, even with the bulge class, will not exceed the current capacity of the school site.

### ***Next Steps***

In partnership with the Plymouth & Exeter Diocese, the Local Authority and the TDA, plans have been developed to improve accommodation through the remodel of existing internal areas to create additional teaching and dining space and to create a new standalone Special Educational Needs suite. The school Reception area will also be relocated and a new entrance provided with improved access from Trumlands Road.

The project now enters a period of detailed design and contractor selection.



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Updates on the project will be posted on the schools website at regular intervals. You can keep up to date with the latest information by visiting: [www.st-cuthbertmayne.co.uk](http://www.st-cuthbertmayne.co.uk)

A plan showing the anticipated outcome of the project can be found on the school website. A list of frequently asked questions and contact details is attached, should you have any questions or concerns.

Yours sincerely

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St Cuthbert Mayne School

## ST CUTHBERT MAYNE RE-MODELLING – FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

### **Why is the school expanding?**

In order to meet the demand for secondary school places within the Torquay area, St Cuthbert Mayne have agreed to admit a bulge class of 60 pupils in September 2021. In order to facilitate the extra 60 places for one year, a re-modelling and refurbishment project will take place which will address some long standing poor accommodation at the school.

### **What size will the school be?**

Currently the school has a planned admission number of 195 and an overall permanent capacity of 975 across year groups 7 – 11, plus 6<sup>th</sup> form provision. The proposal is to increase the admission number by 60 places for Year 7 in 2021 from 195 to 255. However due to smaller cohorts in the older year groups, the total number of pupils within the school, together with the bulge of 60 pupils will not exceed the PAN capacity of the school site of 975.

### **What will this mean for the school?**

The school has experienced long standing accommodation issues including the recent decommissioning of Block B which was deemed not fit for purpose. The bulge class provides an opportunity to improve accommodation through the remodel of existing internal areas to create additional teaching spaces, an additional dining space and create a new Special Educational Needs suite.

### **Is there enough space on site for the proposed work?**

Following a feasibility study of the school site, it was agreed that a remodelling of the main school building would deliver the best outcome for the challenging site. The remodel also aims to improve the teaching environment by grouping subject bases together allowing resources and staffing to be more effectively shared/utilised.

### **Will there be extra traffic?**

No. The school will not be exceeding their current planned admission number. The number of pupils will not exceed historical levels. Therefore there will be no additional pressure on highways.

### **When do the works start?**

The building works will commence in Spring 2021.

### **How long will the project take?**

The total construction period will be 12 months.

### **Will the works affect my child's education?**

Careful consideration will be given to phasing of the works to ensure minimal disruption to the school day. Any works likely to cause disruption will be planned for school holiday periods.

### **Who do I contact if I have any concerns...?**

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