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## School Expansion

Dear Parents,

We are writing to you to share some exciting news with you which I hope will be very welcome.

As a school we aim to create a caring, high quality learning community where everyone is valued; proud of who they are and what they will become. Holding to our core values of pride, learning, belonging and opportunity.

Parents will be aware that our school has been growing significantly over the last 5 years and we now have 1023 students on our roll. Parents and children are making a positive choice about Penair School and we are immensely proud of all of our young people. As a school we are also attracting significant numbers of children from the North coast who are enriching our school community.

Parents may have read in the local press that due to increased numbers of children plans have been approved by the Department for Education to build a new secondary school on the north coast between St Agnes and Newquay, this is only part of the solution. Cornwall Council are aware that there are bulge year groups coming through the school system over the next few years and the increase in house building in Cornwall, but specifically Newquay and Truro, is creating pressure on school places in both the short, medium, and long term. The Council have undertaken feasibility studies around school expansion for several schools across the County in order to identify options for creating additional places in the short to medium term before the development of the new secondary school.

Penair has been approached by the Council as a preferred site for expansion, which we believe recognises not only the space available, but the current popularity enjoyed by the school.

With the proposed increase in children would come additional capital investment and we are delighted to share that the proposals include a new 10 Classroom block to be built on an existing unused area of the site, with the works proposed to be completed by a target date of September 2022. In addition to this the dining hall would be expanded to accommodate extra children.

This proposal gives us a real opportunity to grow the school and move us forward in terms of our strategic vision and plans.

We will soon be publishing further details of the consultation process, including early plans of the new build. We are excited about the prospect of a new building providing teachers and support staff with excellent facilities to further enhance the experience of school for our young people.

Yours sincerely,

**James Davidson**  
Headteacher

**Elizabeth Seale**  
Chair of Governors