



Department
for Education

St John Vianney Catholic Primary School Planning Application

Planning Application Coming Soon

We are delighted to inform you that a planning application will soon be submitted for the redevelopment of St John Vianney Catholic Primary School.

As part of the proposed development, the existing school buildings (with the exception of the Lindisfarne block) and the caretaker's house will be demolished. The new school building will then be constructed on a similar footprint to the original school building.

Background and Funding

The redevelopment of St John Vianney Catholic Primary School is being funded by the Department for Education as part of their School Rebuilding Programme. Galliford Try has been selected by the Department for Education as the construction contractor to design and build the new school.

Proposals

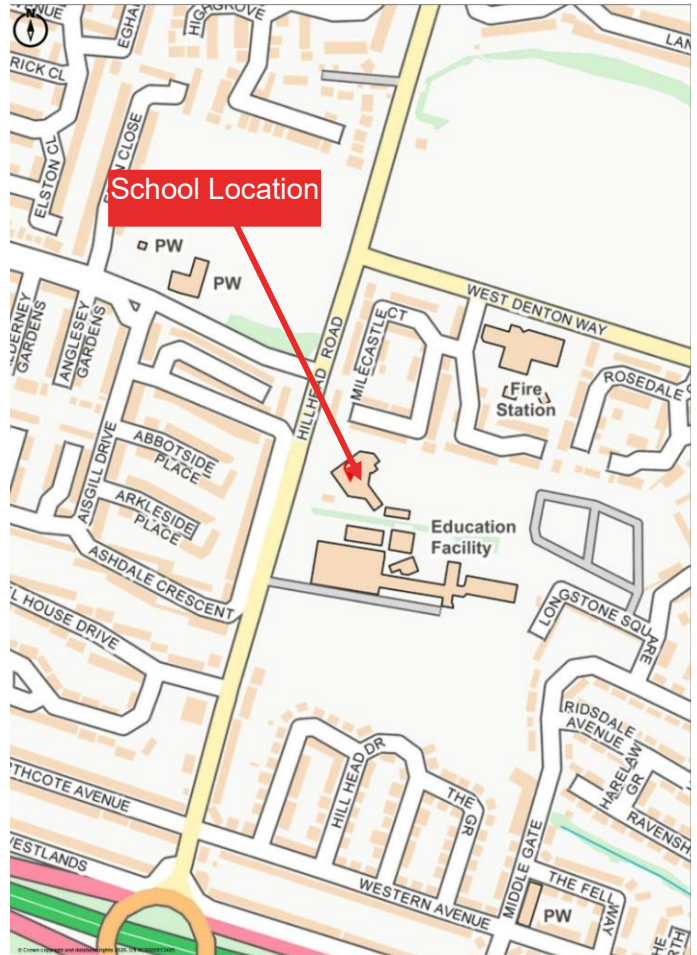
The proposed redevelopment includes the erection of a new 2-storey building with reconfigured landscaping and improved car and cycle parking. The Lindisfarne block will be retained with some works proposed both internally and to the external play areas.

The new school building will include bright, spacious classrooms, a large hall, kitchen, library area, offices and support spaces. Externally there will also be redesigned hard play areas.

The new school building will meet modern environmental standards through minimising energy demand and using low carbon and renewable energy solutions, including solar panels and air source heat pumps on the roof.

When complete, there will be no change to the location of the pedestrian and vehicular access to the site from Hillhead Road.

There will also be no change to pupil or staff numbers as a result of the redevelopment.



Temporary arrangements

The existing temporary building will remain in use until both the new school building and the works to the Lindisfarne Block are completed. Once these works are finished, the temporary building will be removed and the playing fields reinstated.

Pupil and parent access will remain from Hillhead Road during and after construction. During construction, a temporary hard play area will be installed near to the temporary building. Construction access will be from Hillhead Road, separated from school access, including for the removal of the temporary building and the subsequent playing field reinstatement works.

View our proposals online at: <https://www.stjohnvianneynewcastle.org/newbuild>
Email the design team at: stjohnvianney.uk@avisonyoung.com
Please send questions or comments no later than 2nd July 2026.



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Have Your Say - Drop in Event

At this pre-application stage, the development proposals can be viewed on the school's website. If you have any queries or comments, you can also contact the Galliford Try project team using the details at the bottom of this page.

We are holding a **drop-in event** at **St John Vianney Catholic Primary School** for anyone who wants to find out more or who would like to ask any questions about the proposals. The session will run from **4pm to 6.30pm** on **Wednesday 24th June 2026** and will take place in the temporary school building.

Timescales and Next Steps

The planning application will be submitted in the coming weeks. Once this has been lodged, it will be available to view and comment on, via Newcastle City Council's online planning portal:

<https://www.newcastle.gov.uk/services/planning-building-and-development/search-view-and-comment-planning-applications>

Subject to receiving planning permission, the school redevelopment is planned to commence in Autumn 2026.

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