

EDUCATION ACT 2001

NOTICE OF PROPOSED CO-LOCATION OF SCHOOLS

The Department of Education and Children gives notice in accordance with Schedule 2 to the Education Act 2001 that it proposes to make the following orders to provide for the alteration of the character of a provided school or maintained school under 3 (2) of that Act

- (a) **In respect of St Thomas' Primary School, a maintained school, to transfer it from its current site to premises at the Scoill Vallajeelt site in Braddan.**
The relocated St Thomas' Primary School will continue to operate as a separate and distinct maintained school, having four dedicated classrooms, its own entrance, reception /waiting area, an administration area and head teacher's office within the existing Scoill Vallajeelt school premises. These facilities will be located in a specific area of Scoill Vallajeelt which area will be accessed via a separate entrance for use by those with business at St Thomas Primary School. The maximum number of pupils that will be accommodated at the relocated St Thomas' Primary School will be 100 pupils.
- (b) **In respect of Scoill Vallajeelt, a provided school, to alter the Scoill Vallajeelt premises to accommodate both Scoill Vallajeelt and St Thomas' Primary School as co-located but separate schools.** This will result in part of the premises being dedicated for the sole use of St Thomas' Primary School. The necessary building works will include, subject to planning permission being received for the external works, the addition of a new entrance and canopy for the co-located St Thomas' Primary School area, as well as providing a reception / waiting area, an administration area, head teacher's office, dedicated male and female toilets and creating controlled access doors from The Thomas' Primary School area through to those parts of the Scoill Vallajeelt premises which will be communal to both schools. General renovations will occur throughout the premises.

INFORMATION

Lessons for each of St Thomas' Primary School and Scoill Vallajeelt will be separate from each other. Parts of the Scoill Vallajeelt premises will be communal areas available for use by St Thomas' Primary School pupils at times agreed by the Head teacher of St Thomas' Primary School and the Head teacher of Scoill Vallajeelt. (These communal areas include the Main Hall, Dining Area and Sports Hall, as well as the playgrounds). Lunchtimes and breaks will be common to all, lunchtimes will be staggered by year group as opposed to Schools. Any existing St Thomas' Primary School pupils who require transport to and from their existing school will be provided with a bus transfer service to the new site during the school year 2018/2019. The new St Thomas' Primary School pupils intake from September 2019 will be expected to make their own way to and from school. The Department will conduct a traffic survey during the school year 2017/18 to monitor and review traffic usage and safety. To ameliorate any potential traffic movement issues during the school year St Thomas School pupils will start the school day at 8:45am and finish at 3:15pm, whilst Scoill Vallajeelt pupils will start at 9:00am and finish at 3:30pm.

Any of the following persons —

- (a) the governing body of any maintained school affected by the proposals;

(b) any 10 or more persons resident in the Island who are for the time being registered in a register of electors maintained under the Registration of Electors Act 2006;

may within 3 months after 13 November 2017 submit objections in writing to the proposals to the Department at the address below.

Dated 10 November 2017

Signature 

Chief Executive Officer

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