

# Haven School is on course to open

**EXCITED** new Haven School headteacher Pat Lock said this week everything is on course for a smooth opening in September.

The Langney Point school (*right*) — which was wasteland a few months ago — will have all the necessary plumbing, electrics, heating and facilities to operate properly from day one, parents have been assured.

Mrs Lock, who is at present ordering new books and equipment for what will initially be an incomplete building, said, "The infant department will be open for September and everything will be ready for our new pupils."

Although the rest of the building, including the main hall and toilet facilities for teachers, will not be finished in time, Mrs Lock and school governors are ensuring that disruption will be minimal.

Mrs Lock said, "We have rescheduled the children's timetable for things like PE to work around the work."

"They will have outdoor games to begin with and indoor activities later in the year when the hall is complete."

"A smaller room will be available for some indoor games in September."

Mrs Lock praised the huge effort of the contractors to work round the needs of the school.

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"They have been excellent," she said. "We will not be using temporary classrooms or have need for any temporary facilities."

"The builders have had to reschedule their plans but have done very well under the circumstances."

Although work will continue until December, a temporary internal wall and fencing will keep youngsters well

clear of the last few months worth of construction.

Despite a national teacher shortage, the school has successfully filled its first year vacancies and is now looking to fill the remaining administrative roles.

As far as pupils go, there is already a waiting list for reception age children and ever-dwindling spaces for years one and two.

■ THE Revd Alan Weaver, curate at St Richard's, will become priest in charge of the Haven Church, based on the same site, when it opens.



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