

**WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE MINISTER FOR EDUCATION
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ANSWER TO BE TABLED ON MONDAY 25th NOVEMBER 2019**

Question

Are there any plans to keep a branch library in Les Quennevais once the school has moved to its new site? If not, why not and, if so, what form will it take?

Answer

Les Quennevais Branch Library will not be moving with the school when the school relocates to its new building in September 2020. This decision was taken in the light of safeguarding concerns around the co-location of public and educational facilities. It was also felt that moving library services further away from the local population centre to the new school would be disadvantageous to our customers. As such we are currently exploring other possible venues where we might locate library services, to ensure they are readily accessible to the local community.

This is an opportunity for the Library to work closely with other partners and the local community to develop a broad and diverse range of complementary services and activities. Our aim is for us to develop a 'library offer' for the West of the island that is proudly owned by the people who use it.

It is possible that we will be able to relocate services from Les Quennevais school earlier than September 2020, but if we are unable to find an alternative venue before the school moves we will continue running services from the old school in the interim.