
Some **head teachers** in the English **county** of Cornwall are warning planned new housing could bring too many new children into the area. This, they **claim**, will put too much **strain** on already **overcrowded** classrooms.

Cornwall Council is deciding where to invest £32m of government money for new school places over the next two years.

According to local government plans, over 47,000 new homes will be built in Cornwall by 2030. Head teachers are worried that local schools will not have enough resources to accommodate the children of the new families.

Connor Downs Primary School, near Hayle, is already very full: it has **capacity** for 175 pupils – but 178 are currently attending, with seven classes in six classrooms.

The head teacher Susan Costello said she was "constantly having **to turn people away**".

Rosemellin Primary School, in Camborne, also said it was nearly full and it was facing three new housing developments nearby, with no **prospect** of money to allow it to extend.

Head teacher Jonathan Peek said: "There are plans for 500 houses, and we believe when all the houses are developed it will mean about 150 children."

Cornwall Council said it hoped to have the details on where the latest **cash** would be spent by the end of February 2015.

Vocabulary

head teacher

the teacher who is in charge of a school

county

an area of a country (the UK is divided into 86 counties)

to claim

to say that something is true

strain

stress or pressure

overcrowded

containing too many people

capacity

enough space

to turn people away

not to allow people to enter

prospect

possibility of something happening in the future

cash

[here] money

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