

New Northside specialist education facility approved

A NEW specialist education facility for children with visual impairment is to open in Pobalscoil Rosmini, on Grace Park Road.

Minister for Education and Skills Ruairi Quinn recently wrote to local Senator Averil Power (FF) informing her of the news.

"I am pleased to advise you that my department has approved grant aid for the facility and the school management has been advised accordingly," the minister wrote.

Senator Power said she is delighted for the students and their parents.

"I met a delegation of parents with Cllr Paul McAuliffe last May," she told *Northside*

People.

"They told us about the great progress that their children have made in the Child Vision Ireland primary school and how they were afraid this would be lost if they didn't have an appropriate second level place to move on to.

"It is a great relief that they will now be able to transfer to the new second level unit in Pobalscoil Rosmini."

According to Cllr McAuliffe, the new facility will cater for children who are both visually impaired and have other disabilities such as autism.

"Such children currently have access to high quality specialist primary education at Child Vision Ireland but don't have specialised second level places available to them," he said.

Cllr McAuliffe thanked Minister Quinn, his officials and the National Council for Special Education for approving the new facility.

He also congratulated the parents, Child Vision Ireland and Pobalscoil Rosmini who have been working towards this goal for the past two years and Senator Power, Fianna Fail's spokesperson on education in the Seanad, for her intervention.



● **Senator Averil Power (FF) has welcomed the planned new facility for Pobalscoil Rosmini.**