

This morning, a team formed by Sònia Cardona, Formentera's councillor of culture and education; Xico Ribas, infrastructure coordinator and Diego Dueñas, head of town planning, met in Palma with Mateu Sunyer, head of the regional office in charge of infrastructure and educational and cultural services (Ibisec), to discuss the draft plan for the new Sant Ferran school. Also present at the meeting was José Manuel Alcaraz, the Govern Balear's delegate to the island of Formentera.

The encounter gave attendants the opportunity to see where exactly the new building would be located, thus allowing the Formentera Council to move forward with its own plans to construct a nursery on the remainder of the terrain. The meeting left no doubt that the nursery – commonly referred to as *L'Escoleta* in Catalan – would be built on Carrer Major street, leaving the remaining interior portion of the 11,000-sq.-m. plot for the future primary school.

The exchange also served as a chance for Formentera representatives to learn firsthand the details regarding the remodeled school. According to the draft, the centre will be equipped to hold two different groups from each year, as well as an early childhood learning facility, classrooms for the primary school-portion of the centre, a gymnasium, sport facilities and administrative offices. Also included are plans for a cafeteria and a basic kitchen, conceived as a place to store or serve food prepared elsewhere.

Sònia Cardona indicated the Council's desire to “modify this piece of the project, thus allowing the two educational centres to share kitchen and cafeteria. The idea of fitting two different kitchens onto such a reduced floor plan is unthinkable.” Indeed, the day's encounter served to bring together technical staff from both the Formentera and Palma administrations, who committed to collaborating on the project henceforth.

Cardona affirmed: “Our technicians are at Ibisec's service. We look forward to doing everything in our power to help the process along, streamlining the delivery of permits or any other proceedings pertinent to the construction of the new centre.”