

School Organisation Consultation

Proposal on the re-organisation of primary school provision in the Ewell Planning Area

The Ewell primary school planning area is served by the following schools: Cuddington Croft Primary, St Clement's RC Primary, Riverview CE Primary, **Danetree Junior, Ewell Grove Infant and Nursery, West Ewell Infant and Nursery,**

This proposal relates to only the last three schools listed (in bold text above) in this planning area.

The Proposal

1. **Surrey County Council, in conjunction with GLF Schools and the governing bodies of West Ewell Infant School and Nursery, Ewell Grove Infant and Nursery School and Danetree Junior School, seeks the views of parents, staff residents and other local stakeholders on the following proposals:**

- a. That West Ewell Infant School and Nursery, Ewell Grove Infant and Nursery School and Danetree Junior School become 'all through' primary schools admitting pupils from 4 to 11 years of age
- b. That associated building projects on all three school sites are commissioned, funded and managed by Surrey County Council to provide the appropriate infrastructure to support this change to the schools' intake of pupils
- c. That additional primary places are created as part of this re-organisation in order to meet the future demand within Epsom and Ewell Borough
- d. The timescale for effecting this change to the pattern of provision will be a staged process beginning in September 2016, the conclusion of the proposed changes being fully implemented by September 2023
- e. The overall nursery/pre-school provision across the planning area will not be reduced as a result of this process; it is intended that the three new primary schools will have nursery provision

This process is part of a statutory consultation which opens on Monday 15 June 2015 and closes on Friday 10 July 2015 after which a decision will be taken whether to make the changes described below.

Details of the proposed changes to each school

Ewell Grove Infant and Nursery School

2. It is proposed that Ewell Grove Infant and Nursery School will become a two form entry primary school (2FE) from September 2017 with a Published Admission Number (PAN) of 60. Surrey County Council would remain the Admissions Authority for this school. If the proposal were to go ahead this would mean that all the current Reception pupils, and those entering Reception in 2015 and 2016, would be entitled to stay at the school until the end of Year 6 even though the numbers may exceed the Reception PAN of 60. If the proposal is adopted it would be the intention of SCC to apply to the Schools' Adjudicator seeking an in year variation to the published PAN in 2016 to reduce it to 60.
3. The proposal includes some new building and internal remodelling of the school's accommodation to enable it to operate as a primary school on its present site. The school would ultimately provide 420 primary places (4 to 11 years) as opposed to the 210 infant places (4 to 7 years) it currently provides. The number of nursery places offered would remain unchanged. As the infant school presently has no playing fields, sports pitches would be provided locally to enable full access to the primary PE curriculum.

West Ewell Infant and Nursery School

4. It is proposed that West Ewell Infant School and Nursery will become a 2FE primary school, with a nursery, from September 2017 with a PAN of 60. Surrey County Council would remain as the Admissions Authority for this school.
5. If the proposal goes ahead it would be the intention of SCC to apply to the Schools' Adjudicator seeking an in year variation to the published PAN in 2016 to reduce it to either 90 or 60. The current Reception cohort of 120 pupils would be entitled to stay at the school until the end of Year 6, as would the 2015 and 2016 cohorts.

6. The proposal includes mainly internal remodelling of the school's existing accommodation to provide facilities appropriate to junior aged pupils. The school would continue to operate from its present site and would ultimately provide 420 primary places instead of the 360 infant places it currently provides.
7. The number of nursery places offered would be re-assessed according to local need. SCC is also considering changes to the Specialist Centre at the school, which currently only admits pupils in Key Stage 1. If the school becomes a primary the Centre will change to include Key Stage 2 pupils but the number of places has yet to be determined. This change will be subject to a separate consultation in due course. West Ewell Primary School will also require access to playing fields which will be provided locally either by leasing or renting on behalf of the school.

Danetree Junior School

8. It is proposed that Danetree Junior School (an academy within GLF Schools and its own Admissions Authority) becomes a 4 FE primary school. Its first Reception intake will be in September 2016 when its PAN is likely to be 90. This will eventually rise to 120 in 2017 or 2018 as required. The rationale for this is explained in paragraphs 13-16.
9. The proposal includes new permanent accommodation at the school, alongside some remodelling of the existing buildings, in order to create Early Years and infant classrooms with outdoor learning areas and a nursery. The school would ultimately provide 840 primary places instead of the 512 junior places it currently offers. Danetree would remain on its current site with some additional land adjacent to the school being transferred to the Academy with the new building. This school already has the requisite requirements in terms of sports provision at Key Stage Two.

Why are we making these proposals?

• Providing Sufficient School Places

10. The 1996 Education Act places a duty on Local Authorities to ensure that there are sufficient school places within their jurisdiction. Surrey has had an unprecedented increase in demand for primary school places over the last ten years and Epsom and Ewell Borough has reflected this trend. SCC's pupil forecast data indicates that there is still a need for more primary school places across Epsom and Ewell Borough. A number of primary school expansions have already been completed in Epsom town and elsewhere and the residual demand is now in the Ewell and NW Epsom school place planning areas.
11. The six Ewell primary schools have a combined PAN of 310 places per year and the forecast demand indicates a need for one more form of entry (1 FE) ie 30 more Reception places each year. This should be sufficient for the immediate and longer term.

	PAN	+/-	YR	Y1	Y2	I	Jun inc bulges	Jun +/-	Y3	Y4	Y5	Y6	J	Total
2015/16	310	-14	324	304	313	941	282	10	272	248	244	230	994	1935
2016/17	310	-26	336	323	304	963	282	3	279	274	249	245	1047	2010
2017/18	310	-13	323	334	321	978	248	-26	274	279	274	249	1076	2054
2018/19	310	-7	317	319	330	966	248	-39	287	273	278	273	1111	2077
2019/20	310	-2	312	314	316	942	248	-47	295	286	272	277	1130	2072
2020/21	310	-26	312	308	310	930	248	-35	283	294	285	271	1133	2063
2021/22	310	-4	314	309	305	928	248	-29	277	282	293	284	1136	2064
2022/23	310	-4	314	311	305	930	248	-25	273	277	281	292	1123	2053
2023/24	310	-5	315	311	308	934	248	-25	273	272	276	280	1101	2035
2024/25	310	-4	314	312	308	934	248	-27	275	272	271	275	1093	2027

12. The chart above represents the situation in the Ewell planning area if we do not change the three single phase schools into primaries, if there is no more house building in the area and if we do not add 'bulge' classes.

Why are we proposing that Danetree is 4FE?

13. The NW Epsom school place planning area serves the new housing developments on the former NHS hospital sites such as Manor Park and Noble Park. This area also has a rising demand for primary school places. There are only three schools in this planning area and they are all now at their site capacity and cannot be further expanded. As the new estates are not yet complete we need to supply another form of entry somewhere in the area. Danetree School is a relatively short distance from these estates and therefore we, the school's governors and GLF, believe that it is possible to expand this school to help meet the wider local need and continue to provide a good quality of education.

NW Epsom

	PAN+ bulge	+/_	YR	Y1	Y2	I	Jun pl inc bulges	Jun +/-	Y3	Y4	Y5	Y6	J	Total
2015/16	240	31	209	202	205	616	210	13	197	182	180	176	735	1351
2016/17	210	-17	227	212	205	644	240	17	223	198	183	182	786	1430
2017/18	210	-7	217	228	214	659	240	19	221	224	199	184	828	1487
2018/19	210	-8	218	218	230	666	210	-20	230	222	225	200	877	1543
2019/20	210	-8	218	220	219	657	210	-36	246	231	223	226	926	1583
2020/21	210	-9	219	219	221	659	210	-26	236	247	232	224	939	1598
2021/22	210	-12	222	221	220	663	210	-28	238	237	248	233	956	1619
2022/23	210	-12	222	223	221	666	210	-26	236	238	237	248	959	1625
2023/24	210	-14	224	222	223	669	210	-27	237	236	238	237	948	1617
2024/25	210	-15	225	224	223	672	210	-29	239	237	236	238	950	1622

14. The current situation in Ewell is that there is a total of 10 Reception classes across the six schools (at 30 pupils per class this represents 300 Reception places). If the re-organisation goes ahead as proposed there would be 360 Reception places available each year in Ewell (equivalent to 12 Reception classes) but some pupils would travel in from the NW Epsom area.
15. There are currently 8 Year 3 classes provided in the Ewell Planning Area but if the three schools are re-organised as suggested this would mean there would be 12 classes available to match the Key Stage 1 provision and add capacity.
16. The net impact of this proposal, in terms of the total number of primary school places that would be on offer in the Ewell planning area is shown in the table below. We should assume that some of the surplus places will be filled by pupils from the adjacent planning area and by parental preference.

Ewell –proposed scenario

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2016/17	370	34	336	323	304	963	282	3	279	274	249	245	1047	2010
2017/18	360	37	323	334	321	978	290	4	274	279	274	249	1076	2054
2018/19	360	43	317	319	330	966	290	3	287	273	278	273	1111	2077
2019/20	360	48	312	314	316	942	374	79	295	286	272	277	1130	2072
2020/21	360	48	312	308	310	930	374	91	283	294	285	271	1133	2063
2021/22	360	46	314	309	305	928	374	97	277	282	293	284	1136	2064
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- **Ensuring a good quality education**

17. All the other Ewell schools in this planning area are primaries with Key Stages 1 and 2 pupils so, once children are admitted, there is no need for them to transfer schools until they are of secondary age. We think this continuity of primary education in the same school, gives stability and supports good learning outcomes for the majority of pupils. This is the main reason for this proposal.

- **Reducing journeys between schools**

18. In addition the proposal potentially reduces the need for additional school journeys by parents having to transport siblings from both infant and junior schools. In theory more children should be able to walk to school and there should be a reduction of school traffic in the area.

- **More places at good schools**

19. It is the ambition of the County Council that all Surrey schools will be judged to be at least 'Good' by 2017. At their last OFSTED inspections, in 2009 and 2010 respectively, Ewell Grove and West Ewell infant schools received Outstanding (Grade 1) judgements. At its most recent OFSTED inspection in June 2014 Danetree was judged to be a good school (Grade 2). All three schools are popular and frequently over-subscribed. This proposal therefore meets the government's guidance to Local Authorities that successful and popular schools are expanded where there is a need for more places.

How will this proposal be implemented?

20. Because we need to meet the demand for the additional places and also manage the transition of pupils between key stages and schools, the proposal can only go ahead if all three schools agree to change to primary.
21. Assuming there is strong local support for the proposal, and the Surrey County Council Cabinet Member for Schools, Skills and Educational Achievement agrees that it should go ahead, there will need to be a successful planning application to enable the required site developments. If this is also successful we can begin to make the changes in two stages.

Stage 1 Danetree Junior School

22. It is proposed that in September 2016 Danetree School converts to primary status, initially taking a Reception cohort of 90 pupils and increasing the number of places available to 4 FE (PAN 120) in 2018.
23. In 2016 Danetree's junior PAN will continue and up to 160 junior places (Y3) will be offered as necessary. In 2017 Danetree Primary School will cease to maintain a junior PAN but if there are parents wishing to move their children from a primary school to join siblings at Danetree this may be possible providing the school has the accommodation.

Stage 2 West Ewell Infant School and Nursery

- 24 It is proposed that in September 2017 the PAN at West Ewell is reduced to 60 and it becomes a primary school. This means that its 2014 Reception classes will be the first cohort to stay on at the school until the end of their primary education. All the pupils in this cohort, and the 2015 Reception year group, will have the opportunity to remain at West Ewell Primary School if they want to. However the school will not admit any pupils above Year 3 in 2017 but will grow incrementally year on year until 2020.

Stage 2 Ewell Grove Infant and Nursery School

- 25 It is proposed that in September 2017 the PAN at Ewell Grove is reduced to 60 and it becomes a primary school. This means that its 2014 Reception classes will be the first cohort to stay on at the school until the end of their primary education. All pupils in this class and the 2015 Reception class will be able to stay at Ewell Grove through to Year 6

despite the PAN being 70 for these years. However Ewell Grove Primary School will not admit any pupils above Year 3 in 2017 but will grow incrementally year on year until 2020.

Siblings

- 26 For one year (from September 2016) it may be possible for Y3 pupils with a sibling at Danetree to move there so that both children are in the same school. It will not be possible for children already at Danetree to move back to join siblings in Ewell Grove or West Ewell primary as they will not have junior classes above Year 3 at this stage.
- 27 After 2017 if parents wish to move a younger child into Danetree to join an older sibling they will have to apply for any spare places or join the school's waiting list. This will be managed by the Danetree/GLF Admissions Officer as an in year transition.

Have Your Say

We would like to know what local people think about this proposal. There are consultation response forms on pages 7 to 12 of this leaflet which can be completed either on line or on paper.

The consultation opens on **Monday 15 June 2015** and runs for 4 weeks. We are going to hold three public meetings at different times to maximise attendance. We welcome parents and other stakeholders to come and express their views on this proposal, obtain more information and have questions answered as far as possible.

The relevant Statutory Notices have also been published in the local press, on the schools' websites and on the schools' gates.

The meetings for stakeholders are as follows:

Ewell Grove Infant and Nursery School on Thursday 25 June at 9am

Danetree Junior School on Wednesday 1 July at 7pm

West Ewell Infant School and Nursery on Tuesday 30 June at 6.15 pm

Please complete and return your Consultation Response by **5pm on Friday 10 July 2015**

You can do this in a number of ways:

- By using the Surrey County Council consultation website www.surreysays.co.uk
- By completing the form attached to this document and emailing it to **schoolorg@surreycc.gov.uk**
- Alternatively, complete a written consultation response form and hand it in to one of the three schools involved in this proposal.

Next Steps

Surrey County Council's School Commissioning Team will analyse the consultation responses and a summary of them will be included in a report to governors, the GLF Trust and Surrey County Council's Cabinet Member for Schools, Skills and Educational Achievement. All parties will need to agree to proceed.

NB This process is separate to any subsequent planning application and planning notices which will include information on building design and traffic considerations. A planning application to Surrey County Council's Planning Committee will be submitted very soon. This will be advertised on both the SCC and Epsom and Ewell Borough Council's websites and further responses sought.

The final decision

The Surrey County Council Cabinet will make the final decision on whether or not to approve the Ewell Primary Schools re-organisation, in terms of the council's financial commitment to the specified building scheme. The SCC Planning Authority will determine whether the planning application is approved.

SCC Consultation Response Form

Proposal to change the status of West Ewell Infants to a primary school

Please give us your views. Tick the box that best shows what you think of the following questions. Also give us any comments you have. You can write on the other side of this sheet if you want more space to write comments.

Do you agree with the proposal to make **West Ewell Infant** a 2 FE Primary School with a 52 place nursery from Sept 2017?

Agree

☐

Don't know

☐

Disagree

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Comments:

Do you support a reduction in the admission number to 90 or 60 places at **West Ewell Infant** in 2016? Please circle which one you would support.

Agree

☐

Don't know

☐

Disagree

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To help with our analysis of responses please will you tell us something about yourself? Tick the boxes that best apply to you.

A resident living close/adjacent to the school	
A parent/carer of a child who may in future attend one of the three schools	
A parent/carer of a child already attending one of the 3 schools – please indicate which one(s) here:	
A parent/carer of a child attending another local school	
Staff member at West Ewell Infant School	
A Governor of West Ewell Infant School	
Some other link to West Ewell Infant School	
An Epsom and Ewell resident or someone else with an interest – please give (optional) post code here:	

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If you are in a protected group and believe that these proposals may have an adverse impact on you or your child, please indicate this on the response form overleaf.

Please tick if you have written overleaf ☐

Additional Comments

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Please give us your views. Tick the box that best shows what you think of the following questions. Also give us any comments you have. You can write on the other side of this sheet if you want more space to write comments.

Do you agree with the proposal to make **Ewell Grove** a 2 FE Primary School with a 26 place nursery from Sept 2017?

Agree

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Don't know

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Disagree

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Comments:

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GLF Consultation Response Form

Proposal to change the status of Danetree Junior to a primary school

Please give us your views. Tick the box that best shows what you think of the following questions. Also give us any comments you have. You can write on the other side of this sheet if you want more space to write comments.

Do you agree with the proposal to make **Danetree Junior** a 4FE Primary School with a 52 place nursery from Sept 2016?

Agree

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Don't know

☐

Disagree

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Comments:

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A Governor of Danetree School	
Some other link to Danetree School	
A resident from further afield e.g. Manor Park, Noble Park, or someone else with an interest - please give details and (optional) postcode here	

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