

School Organisation Consultation Questions and Answers

Statutory Notice period

Proposed change of age range and extension of
premises at Meadowcroft Infant School

March 2023

Proposal:

It is proposed that Meadowcroft Infant School's age range is changed to accommodate ages 4-11, becoming a 1FE primary school. This would allow for a roll of 210 pupils across the school. Further building work will be required on the site of the school to provide appropriate accommodation for the additional pupils.

If the proposal to expand Meadowcroft to 210 places is successful, there will also be a consultation to amend the admissions criteria and reduce the PAN at St Ann's Heath Junior School, from 90 to 60 places. This will be put forward as an "in-year variation" to the school's admissions arrangements and submitted to the Office of the Schools Adjudicator (OSA).

Questions and comments arising from the Statutory Notice period

	Question	Answer
1	What are the timescales for planning permission? When will a decision on planning be made and by whom?	The application is due to be submitted in spring 2023. The decision will be likely determined as a delegated decision by the Surrey County Council Planning officers.
2	Where can I view plans of the new building?	The planning application can be viewed on the Surrey County Council Planning Portal when it is live: Online register of planning applications for minerals, waste and our development - Surrey County Council (surreycc.gov.uk)
3	How will you inform residents of the planning consultation and will there be another public meeting where residents can see plans and have their say?	Once a planning application is made, Surrey County Council's Planning team will write to consult with immediate neighbours. A separate consultation will be undertaken where the plans will be displayed at the school for general viewing.
4	The new building will overlook neighbouring residents' properties	The new building has been designed as single-storey to mitigate this and consideration has been given to the proximity to neighbouring residents' properties.
5	The school site is not big enough to accommodate a primary school	A full feasibility study has been carried out to determine whether the site can accommodate a 1FE primary school, in line with the DfE's guidelines. The only site constraint relates to playing field space which will be accommodated at St Paul's CofE Primary School, Addlestone.
6	How will parking be managed outside/around the school?	Parents will be asked to be considerate of the local residents and will be encouraged to park slightly further away from the school to ease congestion. The school is also looking into how they can manage this by considering staggered start and finish times.
7	How will pupils travel safely to the playing fields at St Paul's CofE Primary School and how often will this be planned for?	The school is investigating hiring/borrowing or leasing a minibus to transport children to St Paul's. PE would take place for two classes one afternoon a week. E.g. Years 3 & 4 Monday afternoon

8	How will lunch times, PE and outdoor play be managed with more pupils in the school?	The outdoor space at the front of the school will be redesigned to allow an infant playground thus creating more room for staggered junior playtimes on the back playground. There will be two sittings for lunch; while one half of the school is eating the other half will be outside.
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