

School Organisation Consultation Questions and Answers

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

October 2022

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 through the School Admissions consultation process for September 2024.

Frequently Asked Questions

	Question	Answer
People: Impacts for pupils and their families		
1	When will the change take place and how will it impact pupils who are currently at Meadowcroft Infant School?	<p>It is proposed that Meadowcroft will become a primary school in September 2024. Therefore, pupils who are currently in Year 2 (as of September 2022) are not impacted.</p> <p>If the proposal is agreed, pupils in Year 1 in September 2022 would transition through the school and move into the new Year 3 class in September 2024, and progress through the school up to Year 6 in September 2027.</p>
2	Will the admissions criteria change for Meadowcroft when it becomes a primary school?	The current admissions criteria will not change if Meadowcroft becomes a primary school.
3	An older sibling will move into Year 3 before the change and therefore move to St Ann's Heath. What do I do if I would like the younger sibling to also move to St Ann's Heath in Year 3 (for Sept 24 and after)	Parents are still able to apply to St Ann's Heath, or any other junior school, for junior entry, should they wish to not remain at Meadowcroft beyond Year 2.
4	Are siblings given priority in the admissions criteria either for Trumps Green, St Ann's Heath and Meadowcroft?	Should the proposal be agreed, St Ann's Heath will have Meadowcroft removed as a named feeder school and therefore any associated sibling priority will also be removed. Trumps Green will remain the only named feeder for St Ann's Heath.
5	Is there any difference in the secondary schools I can apply for if my child is in Year 6 either at Meadowcroft or St Ann's Heath?	<p>The admissions criteria for all secondary schools in Surrey can be found in the admissions booklet which is published each year.</p> <p>St Ann's Heath Junior School is a named feeder school under Criterion 4 for The Magna Carta School.</p> <p>The only other secondary school in Runnymede with named feeder schools is Salesian School</p>

		<p>in Chertsey, which is a Catholic school with local Catholic primary schools as named feeders.</p> <p>Information about how places were allocated is published by Surrey County Council each year.</p>
6	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
7	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.
8	Could a safe drop-off system be considered to make it easier for parents who drive pupils to school?	This is something that will be looked at in more details when drawing up the design plan.
9	Is there a carpark nearby parents could use to park and then walk into school?	This is currently being looked into this as part of the transport study.
10	Was an expansion at the St Ann's Heath site considered instead of at Meadowcroft?	The latest pupil place forecasts show a need for places in the areas of Chertsey and Addlestone. There are currently sufficient places in the Virginia Water area.
Economy: Financial impacts		
11	How is the building being funded and are S106 monies being used?	The project is being funded through a combination of school basic need funding and S106 monies.
Environmental: Impacts for residents and local area		
12	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)
13	What are the timescales for planning permission? When will a decision on planning be made and by whom?	The application will be made in early spring 2023. The decision will be likely determined as a delegated decision by the Surrey County Council Planning officers.
14	Will the oak trees at the side of the school be protected?	The design is not yet developed sufficiently to determine which trees will be affected. An arboricultural survey will be undertaken prior to submitting the planning application, and this will inform which trees, if any, will be impacted.
15	Will there be additional parking spaces for staff in order to prevent staff and visitors parking on residential roads?	Additional parking places for staff will be created as part of the building design plans.
16	Will there be any parking and traffic consideration? Can the Highways team assess if additional yellow lines are needed and if white lines could be painted to mark driveways?	A parking survey and transport study are being conducted prior to submitting any planning application to understand the impact of parking and traffic, and what mitigations could be put in place.
17	How will you inform residents of the planning consultation and will there be	Once a planning application is made the Surrey County Council Planning team will write to

	another public meeting where residents can see plans and have their say?	consult with immediate neighbours. A separate consultation will be undertaken where the plans will be displayed at the school for general viewing.
18	The roads around the school are congested at peak times. Highways have plans for work on Green Lane alongside other works such as expanding the M25. Have impacts on traffic in the area been considered?	The transport study will help SCC better understand the impacts and what can be done to mitigate any additional traffic.
19	Has a new school in an area with more space been considered rather than expanding a small school?	Places are required for junior-aged pupils in Chertsey to ensure that infant and junior school places are matched in the area. Meadowcroft is needed in its current location to provide places for the local community.
20	There is additional planned housing in the area. Will the expansion meet the needs of families moving into new housing or will a new school be needed.	SCC's pupil place forecasts take into account new housing predicted to come forward. This information is provided by Runnymede Borough Council. Latest forecasts predict that no further provision will be required in the area in the medium-term.