

# School Organisation Consultation

**Expansion of St Andrew's  
Catholic School**

**March  
2021**



## Introduction

At present, St Andrew's Catholic School is formulated as follows:

- The school is seven form entry with a published admission number (PAN) of 210 for pupils aged 11-16 years.
- In addition, the school has a post-16 provision with a capacity of 300 places across National Curriculum Years 12-13 for pupils aged 16-18 years.
- The school is a voluntary aided school and are their own admissions authority.
- The school is rated as Outstanding by Ofsted in a full inspection in December 2012 and again in a Section 48 inspection in March 2018.

## The Proposal

Surrey County Council, in partnership with The Catholic Diocese of Arundel and Brighton, wishes to consult on a 1FE expansion of St Andrew's Catholic School from September 2022. The proposal will also include a retrospective consultation on the 2FE expansion undertaken by the school previously which was not accompanied by any formal consultation process.

The proposal would expand St Andrew's Catholic School from seven forms of entry (7FE) to eight forms of entry (8FE) at National Curriculum Year 7 and provide a total of 1200 places overall from National Curriculum Years 7-11.

## Background to the proposed expansion

St Andrew's Catholic School is a voluntary aided school and are their own admissions authority. In 2017, the school increased its PAN from 150 to 210 to reflect the increase in Catholic demand for places. Despite this, the school have had to admit above PAN to meet Catholic demand every year from 2013 to 2019 and the total number of pupils on roll has increased from 934 in 2013 to 1457 in 2020.

Although there has been some capital investment by the Diocese to enable the school to admit more pupils, there has been no physical expansion of the school premises. The school was unable to continue to offer additional places in 2020 to meet Catholic demand due to the physical limitations of its current accommodation.

### *Current Numbers on roll (Oct 2020)*

School	PAN	Year 7	Year 8	Year 9	Year 10	Year 11	Year 12	Year 13	Total 7-11	Total 7-13
St Andrew's Catholic	210	221	274	255	218	208	150	131	1176	1457
Therfield School (SESSET)	210	174	175	180	147	147	84	48	823	955
Howard of Effingham (THPT)	240	232	248	244	235	238	178	188	1197	1563

In 2014, Surrey County Council expanded St Peter's Catholic Primary School in Leatherhead by one form of entry (1FE) to provide 210 additional places, or 30 places per year over 7 years. This expansion was to meet the increased demand for Catholic primary places in Mole Valley. St Peter's

Catholic Primary School is a direct feeder school to St Andrew's Catholic School and these additional pupils will be expected to feed into St Andrew's Catholic School from September 2021 onwards. Given the proximity of the pupils to St Andrew's Catholic School, they will receive priority over other Catholic children in the deanery who live further away, and therefore without expansion, the school would be unable to meet the future demand for Catholic secondary places in the deanery. St Andrew's Catholic School is considering admitting a bulge class of 30 in September 2021 to accommodate the additional cohort coming from St Peter's.

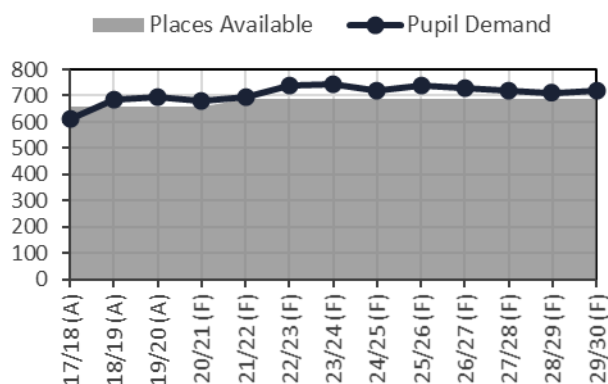
### Rationale for the proposed expansion

For the purposes of education place planning, Surrey County Council produced pupil projections based on planning areas. Planning areas do not have geographical boundaries but are groups of schools which reflect the local geography, reasonable travel distances and existing pupil movement patterns.

St Andrew's Catholic School is in the Leatherhead secondary place planning area with Therfield School and Howard of Effingham School. Leatherhead is a cross border planning area, as Howard of Effingham is located in the borough of Guildford but is geographically situated closer to schools in Mole Valley than schools in the rest of the Guildford borough.

School	PAN
Howard of Effingham School	240
St Andrew's Catholic School	210
Therfield School	210
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>660</b>

Pupil forecasts for the Leatherhead planning area suggest that there will be a sustained demand of over 700 pupils in the long term, as we are seeing increased cohorts from the primary sector start to transition into the secondary age group.



However, the majority of this demand stems from pupils residing outside of the Mole Valley district as projections for the local Leatherhead wards themselves show a fairly static population trend, with any increases generated from new housing only. The pupil population attending other schools in the planning area, namely Therfield School which is undersubscribed, also remains fairly static with St Andrew's Catholic School cohorts having negligible effect on these local numbers.

This out of district demand is generated because St Andrew's is a Catholic school which serves a large Catholic deanery, whose boundaries extend some distance beyond the district border and include Epsom, Ashted, Banstead, Dorking, Effingham and Fetcham, Ewell, Leatherhead, Tadworth and more recently Cobham. The school therefore admits pupils from a wide area in accordance with its faith-based admissions criteria. In October 2020, for example, the school's population resided as follows:

Borough/district name	Number of pupils on roll in October 2020	Proportion of school
Sutton	63	4.3%
Elmbridge	75	5.08%
Epsom and Ewell	308	21.1%
Reigate and Banstead	335	22.9%
Mole Valley	633	43.4%
Other areas: Waverley, Tandridge, Guildford, Kingston, Merton, Croydon, Horsham.	42	2.83%

### **School Building Requirements**

The school has capacity to expand in its existing location. A building programme will be required to provide the permanent facilities to closer align the school with the Department for Education's BB103 area guidelines for mainstream schools through a standalone teaching block on repurposed land, extension of the existing school building and by internal modifications to the main school building. The proposed building work will be subject to the requirements for planning permission and building control.

### **Consultations, approvals and overall timescales**

Where possible, Surrey County Council's strategy is to expand high quality provision that meets parental demand, whilst also ensuring that there is also a diverse pattern of provision to provide families with some element of choice. St Andrew's Catholic Secondary School is the only Catholic school in the district of Mole Valley and provides Catholic education for the wider Catholic deanery which is part of The Catholic Diocese of Arundel and Brighton. Furthermore, the school is currently rated as 'Outstanding' following the last full Ofsted inspection in December 2012 and in the last Section 48 inspection in March 2018. A proposed expansion will maintain the diversity of places and balance between faith and non-faith places in the district of Mole Valley.

The proposed changes require a period of consultation, the publication of Statutory Notices and the agreement of Surrey County Council's Cabinet Member for All-Age Learning if the proposal is to proceed.

The first stage of consultation will be informal and will open on Monday 1<sup>st</sup> March 2021. During this period Surrey County Council will share its proposals with schools including head teachers and chairs of governors, with unions, parent representatives, partner agencies, local residents and other Local Authorities (within 3 miles) and with the staff and parents of St Andrew's Catholic School. (Further details of stakeholders can be found on a separate document).

Following the informal consultation period it is proposed to publish a Statutory Notice for a four week period. The publication of Notices is when the Local Authority formally states the changes that it proposes to make. This will be the final opportunity for consultees to make their views known before a final decision is taken.

Following the consultation periods, officers will summarise the feedback and will report to the Cabinet Member for All-Age Learning.

A decision is proposed for **6<sup>th</sup> July 2021**.

## Have your say

Surrey County Council and St Andrew's Catholic School would like to know what people think about the proposal. The consultation opens on 1<sup>st</sup> March 2021.

You can respond by:

- a) Using the online survey. You can access the consultation online on the '[Surrey Says](#)' website by searching for "St Andrew's Catholic School" or by scrolling through the list of open consultations.
- b) Completing the consultation response form that is available alongside this document and emailing it to [schoolorg@surreycc.gov.uk](mailto:schoolorg@surreycc.gov.uk) with the subject "FAO St Andrew's Catholic School Expansion"
- c) Printing and completing the consultation response form that is available alongside this document and sending it back to the address below:

Education Place Planning Team  
35 Quadrant Court  
Guildford Road  
Woking GU22 7QQ

All responses must be received by **Monday 26<sup>th</sup> April 2021**.

## What happens next?

We will hold an online public meeting for parents and any other interested parties to discuss the proposals and to hear the views that people have. As a public meeting, anyone who wishes to may attend, please email: [schoolorg@surreycc.gov.uk](mailto:schoolorg@surreycc.gov.uk) to register your interest and you will be sent a link to the online event. The online event will be held on **18<sup>th</sup> March 2021**, there will be a short presentation followed by questions and answers.

Please come and share your views. Everyone is welcome to attend this meeting. You do not have to have a child at the school to come to the meeting. Please note the deadline to register your interest to attend the meeting is **5pm** on Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> March 2021.

At the end of the consultation period, Surrey County Council will review all responses received and share these with the school and publish details on the Surrey Says website.

Subject to the views expressed, if the proposal is to proceed, the next stage would be for Surrey County Council to publish a Statutory Notice. This will be in a local newspaper, available at the school and on the Surrey Says website stating our intention to expand. There will be a four-week statutory consultation period for further representations to be received by the Council.

All representations will be reviewed before a final decision is taken by the Cabinet Member for All-Age Learning proposed for **6<sup>th</sup> July 2021**. The outcome of the consultation process and the decision taken will be published on the Council website.

**Consultation Response Form**  
**Proposal to expand St Andrew's Catholic School**

Please give us your views. Please tick the box that best shows what you think of the following questions and 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.

1. Do you agree with the proposal to expand St Andrew's Catholic School from September 2022?		
Agree <input type="checkbox"/>	Don't know <input type="checkbox"/>	Disagree <input type="checkbox"/>

Comments:

Please tick the boxes that apply to you.

A parent/carer of a child at the school	<input type="checkbox"/>
A parent/carer of a child in an Early Years setting	<input type="checkbox"/>
A parent/carer of a child who may in future attend the school	<input type="checkbox"/>
A parent/carer of a child at another school	<input type="checkbox"/>
Someone who works at the school	<input type="checkbox"/>
A Governor of the school	<input type="checkbox"/>
Some other link to the school	<input type="checkbox"/>
Someone else with an interest – please give details	<div style="border: 1px solid black; height: 20px; width: 100%;"></div>
It would also be helpful if you could give your postcode	<div style="border: 1px solid black; height: 20px; width: 100%;"></div>

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