



School Organisation Consultation

Proposal to expand St Peter's Catholic
School by one form of entry

October 2015



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The Proposal

St Peter's Catholic School is Voluntary Aided Catholic secondary school, established by the Roman Catholic Diocese of Arundel and Brighton. The school currently provides 180 places per year from year 7, through to Year 11, aged 11 to 16. In addition up to 175 places are available for each year in the sixth form (years 12 and 13).

Surrey County Council, in partnership with the Governing Body of St Peter's Catholic School (Voluntary Aided) and the Diocese of Arundel and Brighton seeks the views of parents, staff, residents and other local stakeholders on the following proposal:

St Peter's Catholic School expands from a 6 form entry secondary school with a Published Admission Number (PAN) of 180, to a 7 form entry secondary school with a PAN of 210 from September 2017.

This process is part of a statutory consultation which opens on Monday 12 October 2015 and closes on Friday 13 November 2015, after which a decision will be taken on whether to make the changes described.

1. Details of the proposed changes

It is proposed that St Peter's Catholic School expands by 1 form of entry from September 2017, with a Published Admission Number of 210.

The school will ultimately provide 1,050 places for ages 11 to 16, not accounting for places in the sixth form. It currently provides 900 places for ages 11 to 16, plus sixth form provision.

The proposal will require the provision of some additional accommodation to enable the school to facilitate the expansion.

2. Why are we making this proposal?

Demand for secondary school places

There is significant demand for new school places within Surrey resulting from increases in the birth rate and inward migration into the County.

Demand for secondary places has increased in Guildford Town, with additional school places required from 2017. A number of primary expansions in Guildford Town have taken place in recent years, and now plans need to be put in place in order to ensure secondary places are provided to meet the increased need.

Demand for secondary Catholic places

Recent primary expansions in Guildford include St Joseph's Catholic Primary School, which expanded by one form of entry in 2010. This provided 210 additional places, 30 places per year over 7 years. St Joseph's is a direct feeder school to St Peter's Catholic School. This extra form of entry per year will feed into St Peter's from 2017 onwards. Without expansion, St Peter's would be unable to meet future demand for Catholic secondary places in the area.

The table below shows the number of places in feeder schools and how the expansion at St Joseph's directly increases the demand for places at St Peter's:

Feeder School	Previous PAN	Current PAN
St Cuthbert Mayne Catholic Primary, Cranleigh	30	30
St Edmund's Catholic Primary, Godalming	30	30
St Joseph's Catholic Primary, Guildford	60	90
St Thomas of Canterbury Catholic Primary, Guildford	60	60
Total	180	210

Parental preferences

The Local Authority has a duty to respond to parental preferences and where possible, the County Council seeks to expand popular and successful schools to meet additional demand, as well as provide sufficient school places for families that would choose particular faith provision. St Peter's is consistently oversubscribed on first preferences and with the recent expansion at St Joseph's pressure for places at the school will be increased further in the future.

Expanding good schools

It is the ambition of Surrey County Council that all Surrey schools will be judged to be at least 'Good' by 2017. At its last OFSTED inspection, in 2013 St Peter's Catholic School received an Outstanding (Grade 1) judgement. This proposal meets the government's guidance to local authorities that successful, popular schools are expanded where more places are needed.

3. How will this proposal be implemented?

Current number of places available at St Peter's Catholic School

The table below shows the current number of places at the school, in line with its current Published Admissions Number:

Year Group	Year 7	Year 8	Year 9	Year 10	Year 11	Year 12	Year 13	Total
Number of Places	180	180	180	180	180	175	175	1,250

Proposed number of places at St Peter's Catholic School

The table below shows proposed number of places if these proposals are implemented:

Year Group	Year 7	Year 8	Year 9	Year 10	Year 11	Year 12	Year 13	Total
Places in 2017/18	210	180	180	180	180	175	175	1,280
Places in 2018/19	210	210	180	180	180	175	175	1,310
Places in 2019/20	210	210	210	180	180	175	175	1,340
Places in 2020/21	210	210	210	210	180	175	175	1,370
Places in 2021/22	210	210	210	210	210	175	175	1,400

The first expanded year will join the sixth form in the 2022/23 academic year and will increase the size of the sixth form proportionally. The Local Authority is currently reviewing all forthcoming proposed secondary school expansions and the correlating sixth form provision.

Admissions to St Peter's Catholic School

This proposal does not change the admissions criteria of the school, only the Published Admissions Number, and therefore the number of places provided at the school. For details of the admissions criteria, please visit the school's website: www.st-petersschool.co.uk

Provision of additional accommodation

As a voluntary aided school, the project will be overseen by the Governing Body of the school and will be project managed by appointed consultants working closely with Surrey County Council. Work is underway on a feasibility study to identify the accommodation required to facilitate the expansion. This is likely to be provided through a mixture of new build and remodelling of existing spaces.

Traffic and parking

It is recognised that the school is accessed from a residential road and that traffic and parking issues may be an area of concern. As part of the expansion, the Governing Body is intending to create additional parking spaces within the school site to meet the needs of additional staff and mitigate the impact on local residential roads. The school's travel plan will also be reviewed and updated as part of the future planning application.

Whilst this consultation is focused on the educational rationale behind the expansion, residents and local stakeholders will also be formally consulted on a planning application next year, if it is decided to proceed to the next stage.

4. Next Steps

At the end of the consultation, the school's Governing Body will analyse the responses and decide whether to continue with the proposal.

Any responses to the Statutory Notice received during the formal consultation period will be reviewed before a final decision is taken by the Surrey County Council's Cabinet Member for Children and Learning.

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 next year. This will be available on the Surrey County Council website and further responses sought.

Have Your Say

We would like to know what local people think about this proposal.

The consultation opens on **Monday 12 October 2015** and runs for 5 weeks. We will hold a public meeting at St Peter's Catholic School for parents and 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. You do not need to register your attendance prior to the meeting. The meeting will be held on the following date:

**on Monday, 2 November 2015 at 7pm
at St Cecilia's Theatre, St Peter's Catholic School,
Horseshoe Lane East, Guildford GU1 2TN**

Please come and share your views. You do not need to have a child at the school to come to the meeting.

Please note that this meeting will be concerned with the educational rationale behind expansion. Residents and local stakeholders will be formally consulted separately on any subsequent planning application. As such it is unlikely responses can be given in relation to any issues raised related to planning.

You can respond to the consultation by:

- a) Accessing the consultation online on the 'Surrey Says' website:

Either by the following link:

www.surreysays.co.uk/csf-schools-commissioning-team/stpeters

Or by going to the Surrey Says website www.surreysays.co.uk and searching for the school's consultation (school name or postcode), or by scrolling through the list of open consultations:

- b) Completing the consultation response form that is available alongside this document. You can email the form or print it, complete it and send it back to the address below:

School Organisation Consultation

Finance Office

St Peter's Catholic School

Horseshoe Lane East

Guildford

Surrey

GU1 2TN

Or email: stpexpansion@st-peters.surrey.sch.uk

(Please ensure the email subject line is

'School Organisation Consultation')

All responses must be received by 5pm on Friday 13 November 2015

At the end of the consultation period, all the responses will be reviewed and published on the Surrey Says website.

Consultation Response Form

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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 would like more space to write comments.

Do you agree with the proposal to expand **St Peter's Catholic School** by 1 form of entry from September 2017? (please tick appropriate box)

Agree

Don't know

Disagree

Comments:

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 St Peter's Catholic School	
A parent/carer of a child already attending St Peter's Catholic School	
A parent/carer of a child attending another local school	
Staff member at St Peter's Catholic School	
A governor of St Peter's Catholic School	
Some other link to St Peter's Catholic School	
Someone else with an interest – please give details:	

It would be helpful if you could give your postcode:

Please tick if you have provided additional comments overleaf

