To Pupils, Parents/Carers, Staff, Governors & Stakeholders

**Northfleet School for Girls & Kent County Council**

19th March 2018

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The Governing Body of Northfleet School for Girls and Kent County Council are proposing to increase the Publish Admission Number of the school from 175 to 210.

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1. **Why do we need to increase the Published Admission Number?**

The governing body and Kent County Council are proposing the expansion to Northfleet School for Girls in response to increased demand for secondary school places. Kent County Council has a statutory duty to ensure sufficient school places are available for those families which require a place.

Over the last seven years, the Council has been expanding local primary schools to accommodate the additional children that have required school places as a result of migration, new housing, changes in the use of stock housing and other evolutions in local demographics. That increased demand is now impacting on secondary capacity in Gravesham.

2. **Why expand this school?**

The Gravesham district section of the Kent Commissioning Plan for Education Provision 2018-22 identified pressure for Year 7 places in the Gravesham area. The Commissioning Plan identified a need to provide 60 additional places in the area from September 2018.

In addition to Northfleet School for Girls, other schools were considered as possible proposals for expansion according to several criteria, including location, cost, proximity to demand, site size, willingness of the school, highways issues, Sport England constraints and Ofsted rating. Following closer analysis, on this occasion, Northfleet School for Girls was considered to be the better option for expansion, resulting in the Governors of the school and Kent County Council proposing an expansion.

3. **Are there plans to show how this expansion will be delivered on site?**

Initial scoping of the site has shown there is sufficient space to accommodate the expansion on the site. There will be some building work to create new teaching rooms, but this will take place safely, and will cause minimal disruption.

4. **How will the school deal with any possible increased traffic and congestion?**

Although many NFSG students walk to school, it is possible that there may be some additional traffic generated from this proposal, but the local public transport infrastructure is very good with buses stopping outside the school. The school also has access to extensive dedicated school bus networks.

5. **How will the increase happen?**

The school was originally designed with a dining area that was too small. Kent County Council has invested in an enlarged dining area that will manage the increased numbers of students.

It is the intention that the expansion will grow year on year, rather than all at once. The September 2019 Year 7 intake will offer 210 places.

The school is its own admissions authority and as such, may vary this if the Governors decide that a change is needed to manage demand.
6. The consultation process – indicative timeline

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<td>Start of Public Consultation Period lasting for six weeks (including extra time for the Easter break)</td>
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<td>17th April 2018</td>
<td>Drop in session at the school, 3.30pm to 6pm</td>
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<td>28th May 2018</td>
<td>Public consultation closes (extended from 14 May)</td>
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<td>June 2018</td>
<td>The results of the consultation will be referred to the Governing body for consideration. A formal decision will be made.</td>
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<td>10th July 2018</td>
<td>Report presented to Kent County Council, Children, Young People and Education Cabinet Committee</td>
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7. How can I give my views?

There are a number of ways to give us your views on this proposal:

- By sending the response form to: Clive Brooke, Chair of Governors, c/o Northfleet School for Girls
- Hall Road, Northfleet, Kent DA11 8AQ
- Hand your response form in at the school office. Please mark all responses “For the Attention of Clive Brooke”. All written responses need to be received by midday on 28th May 2018.
- By emailing: info@nsfg.kent.sch.uk

8. What happens next?

This consultation stage closes on 28th May 2018. A report summarising the responses received during the consultation period will be prepared. This will be presented to the Governing Body who will recommend the future direction of the proposal.

Yours sincerely,

Mr Clive Brooke  
Chair of Governors  
Northfleet School for Girls
RESPONSE FORM – Northfleet School for Girls

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Do you agree with the proposal to increase the PAN from 175 to 210?
Yes [ ] No [ ] Undecided [ ]

Which of the following best describes you?

Parent/Carer / Member of Staff / Governor / Pupil / Neighbour / Other

If ‘Other’, please state interest………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………

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ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

KCC has completed an Equality Impact Assessment to see if the proposal could affect anyone unfairly. We welcome your views on the assumptions we have made and the conclusions we have drawn. To view the document, please see the school website.

Please provide your comments below: