Kent County Council would like to hear your views on a proposal to expand St James’ Church of England Junior School from 272 places to 360 places.

**Date of Public Meeting:**
7pm, Wednesday 17 October, at St James Junior School, Sandrock Road, Tunbridge Wells, TN2 3PR

www.kent.gov.uk/schoolconsultations
1. Introduction

Kent County Council is proposing to expand St James’ Junior School from 272 places to 360 places.

We are currently undertaking a public consultation to seek the views of the wider community on this proposal. The Public Consultation Period will run from 15 October 2012 to 03 December 2012. There will be a public meeting on Wednesday 17 October 2012 which will give you the opportunity to make your views known and to ask any questions you may have.

This document gives you details of the proposal, information on the background to it, and outlines the current position. There is a form at the end which we ask you to complete and return to us by 3 December 2012.

2. Why the change?

Royal Tunbridge Wells and the neighbouring villages have seen a significant number of small and medium scale housing developments over the last few years. This growth is bringing new families to the area requiring enhancements to the infrastructure in order to meet the future needs of the town and its residents.

The forecast data contained in the table on page 4 shows that in September 2013 a total of 60 additional reception year places will be needed in the Tunbridge Wells planning area. This number rises to 89 for September 2014.

Forecasts show that the year R numbers fluctuate, but remain high until 2016. Long term forecasts indicate that this trend will continue.

KCC is proposing a number of changes in the Tunbridge Wells planning area in order to manage these demands on primary provision.

3. The proposal

In September 2010 St James’ Infant School agreed to accept 90 Reception year children for September 2010 and September 2011. The infant school is linked to St James’ Junior School for admission purposes.

The increased demand for Year R places will feed into the junior school at year 3.

Kent County Council is therefore proposing that St James Junior School increase its Year 3 intake to 90 to match the admission at the infant school, taking the proposed total capacity of the school from 272 places to 360 places.

The school would admit 90 Year 3 pupils per year from September 2013 and subsequent years.

4. What Happens Next?

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January 2013
The Cabinet Member decides whether to continue with the proposal. If so, the school will publish a Public Notice in a local newspaper, at the school and in public places like the library. During this time comments and objections can be made about the proposal. The Public Notice will run for 4 weeks.

March 2013
The Cabinet Member considers all responses made and decides whether to go ahead.

March 2013
Implementation

5. How To Give Your Views

Complete and return the response form below to:
Simon Webb, Area Education Officer, Green Zone, Commercial Buildings, Gibson Drive, Kings Hill, Kent ME19 4QG Fax: (01732) 525223

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View and respond to the consultation online at: www.kent.gov.uk/schoolconsultations
Email your comments to: school.consultations@kent.gov.uk
(We will note all you say, but will not be able to respond individually to response forms, letters or emails)

Patrick Leeson
Corporate Director
Education, Learning and Skills

Public Consultation Response Form:

St James’ Junior School

Please return no later than 11am on Monday, 3 December 2012

You can also email your views to: school.consultations@kent.gov.uk

Do you agree with the proposal? □ Yes □ No

I am: *A Parent/Carer of a primary aged child, Member of Staff, Governor, Other interested party

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Kent County Council is a data controller under the Data Protection Act 1998 and will comply with the requirements of the Act at all times. We will ensure that your personal information is processed fairly and lawfully and in this instance used only for the purpose of validation, which will enable a fair and just consultation.
The Year R Capacity (PAN) shows the number of Year R places available if the proposal does not proceed to implementation.