Kent County Council would like to hear your views on a proposal to expand St Mark’s Church of England Primary School from 210 places to 420 places.

Date of Public Meeting:
7pm, Tuesday 6 November 2012, at St Mark’s Church of England Primary School, Ramslye Road, Tunbridge Wells, TN4 8LN.

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

Kent County Council are proposing to expand St Mark’s Church of England Primary School from 210 places to 420 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 Monday 5 November to Monday 17 December. There will be a public meeting on Tuesday 6 November 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 17 December 2012.

2. Why the change?

Royal Tunbridge Wells and the neighbouring villages have seen a number of small and medium scale housing developments over the last few years. In addition, there has been inward migration from London and other parts of Kent which has been a contributory factor to the indigenous growth. This growth and migration 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.

St Mark’s Church of England Primary School is situated within the Broadwater Planning Area and is adjacent to the Tunbridge Wells Planning Area, which is forecast to experience high levels of demand.

It is a popular school, ideally placed to accommodate the forecasted increase in demand for primary school places.

3. The proposal

The increased demand for primary places across Royal Tunbridge Wells continues for September 2013. Kent County Council are therefore proposing that St Mark’s Church of England Primary School increase its Year R intake to 60, taking the proposed total capacity of the school from 210 places to 420 places.

The school would admit 60 Year R pupils per year from September 2013 and subsequent years.

4. What Happens Next?

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<td>Following the consultation, all views received, either by post, e-mail or at the Public Meeting, will be reported to the Education Committee.</td>
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<td>The Cabinet Member decides whether to continue with the proposal. If so, KCC 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.</td>
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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 Mark's Church of England Primary School

Please return no later than 11am on Monday 26 November 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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* Please delete as appropriate
St Mark’s Church of England Primary School is sited within the Broadwater Planning Area.

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