Kent County Council would like to hear your views on a proposal to permanently expand Oakfield Community Primary School from 420 places to 630 places.

Date of Public Meeting:
7pm, Wednesday 21 November 2012, at Oakfield Community Primary School, Oakfield Lane, Dartford, DA1 2SW

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

Kent County Council are proposing to confirm the expansion of Oakfield Community Primary School from 420 places to 630 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 19 November 2012 to Monday, 14 January 2013. There will be a public meeting on Wednesday 21 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 Monday 14 January 2012.

2. Why the change?

The western part of Dartford District has seen significant numbers of large and small scale housing development over the last few years. The Kent Thameside development particularly, is bringing new families to the area, requiring enhancements to the infrastructure in order to meet the future needs of the area and its residents.

In 2010, Oakfield Community Primary School agreed to a temporary enlargement to accommodate the increasing demand for primary school places. Oakfield Community Primary School is a popular school, ideally placed to accommodate the forecasted increase in demand for primary school places.

Medium and long term forecasting indicates that the higher numbers of primary age children will continue to increase.

3. The proposal

Kent County Council are proposing that Oakfield Community Primary School permanently increases its Year R intake to 90, taking the proposed total capacity of the school from 420 places to 630 places.

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

4. What Happens Next?

| Mar 2013 | Following the consultation, all views received, either by post, e-mail or at the Public Meeting, will be reported to the Education Committee. |
| Mar 2013 | 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 6 weeks. |
| May 2013 | The Cabinet Member considers all responses made and decides whether to determine to proceed with the expansion. |
| During 2013/14 | Any identified building work will commence. |
| Sept 2013 | The school opens as a 3 Forms of Entry Primary School. |
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

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Public Consultation Response Form

Oakfield Community Primary School

* Please return no later than 11am on Monday, 14 January 2013

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

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Oakfield Community Primary School is sited within the Dartford West Planning Area.

Dartford West Planning Area Forecast

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The Year R Capacity (PAN) shows the number of Year R places available if the proposal does not proceed to implementation.

Your comments...