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

**Date of Public Meeting:**
7pm, Thursday 29 November 2012
Whitehill Primary School, Sun Lane, Gravesend, Kent DA12 5HN.

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

Kent County Council are proposing to confirm the expansion of Whitehill 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 26 November 2012 to Monday 21 January 2013. There will be a public meeting on Thursday 29 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 26 January 2013.

2. Why the change?

The eastern part of Gravesham District has seen some small scale housing development over the last few years. The Kent Thameside development particularly, is bringing new families to the wider Gravesend town area, requiring enhancements to the infrastructure in order to meet the future needs of the area and its residents.

In 2010, Whitehill Primary School agreed to a temporary enlargement to accommodate the increasing demand for primary school places.

The increased demand for primary places continues for September 2013. Medium and long term forecast indicate that the higher numbers of primary age children will continue to increase. Whitehill Primary School is ideally placed to accommodate the forecasted increase in demand for primary school places.

3. The proposal

Kent County Council are therefore proposing that Whitehill Primary School permanently increases it’s 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?

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<td>Mar 2013</td>
<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>Mar 2013</td>
<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 6 weeks.</td>
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<td>May 2013</td>
<td>The Cabinet Member considers all responses made and decides whether to determine to proceed with the expansion.</td>
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<td>If required, building work will commence.</td>
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<td>The school opens as a 3 Forms of Entry Primary School, if the proposal is agreed.</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

Come to the Public Meeting
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Email your comments to: school.consultations@kent.gov.uk
View and respond to the consultation online at: www.kent.gov.uk/schoolconsultations

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

Whitehill Primary School

Please return no later than 11am on Monday 21 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

................................................................. (please state).
* Please delete as appropriate

Name:

Address:

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.
Whitehill Primary School is sited within the Gravesend East planning area.

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

We have 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, go to www.kent.gov.uk/schoolconsultations or contact schoolconsultations@kent.gov.uk.