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

Date of Public Meeting:
7pm, Tuesday 4 December 2012
Knockhall Primary School, Eynsford Road, Greenhithe, DA9 9RF

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

Kent County Council is proposing to confirm the expansion of Knockhall 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 3 December 2012 to Monday 28 January 2013. There will be a public meeting on Tuesday 4 December 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 28 January 2013.

2. Why the change?

The eastern part of Dartford District has seen some 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.

The increased demand for primary places continues for September 2014. Medium and long term forecast indicate that the higher numbers of primary age children will continue to increase. Knockhall Primary School is ideally placed to accommodate the forecasted increase in demand for primary school places.

3. The proposal

Kent County Council is therefore proposing that Knockhall 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 2014 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>The Cabinet Member considers all responses made and decides whether to determine to proceed with the expansion.</td>
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<td>During 2013/14</td>
<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
7pm, Tuesday 4 December 2012, at Knockhall Primary School, Eynsford Road, Greenhithe, DA9 9RF

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

Knockhall Primary School

Please return no later than 11am on Monday 28 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.
Knockhall Primary School is sited within the Swanscombe planning area.

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

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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.