Kent County Council would like to hear your views on a proposal to permanently expand Ethelbert Road Primary School from a half form entry primary school (intake of 15 children into the Reception class) to a one form entry primary school (intake of 30 children into the Reception class) from September 2014.

Date of Public Meeting:
Thursday 21 March at 7 pm
at Ethelbert Road Primary School,
Ethelbert Road, Faversham ME13 8SQ
1. Introduction

In September 2011 there was an increase in the number of children in Faversham requiring a place in Reception. Kent County Council made arrangements with the schools listed below for additional places to be made available:
- Ethelbert Road Primary School – an intake of 30 instead of 15
- Bysing Wood Primary School – an intake of 30 instead of 15
- Ospringe CE Primary School – an intake of 40 instead of 30

These additional places were made available for Reception entry in September 2012 and will also be available for entry in September 2013. Kent County Council is now proposing to permanently expand the three schools and provide additional accommodation.

2. Why the change?

The population in Faversham has increased with a rise in the birth rate and families moving into the area. There has been a pressure on primary school places and this is expected to continue. The proposal is in line with Kent County Council’s ambition “to ensure every child will go to a good school where they make good progress and can have fair access to school places” as set out in Bold Steps for Education which outlines the actions we will take to support the aims of the wider Bold Steps for Kent strategy.

3. The proposal

Kent County Council would like to permanently expand Ethelbert Road Primary School by 15 places per year group which will take the total capacity of the school to 210 pupils. Currently there are 165 pupils on roll at the school. The school would have a small building project to provide additional accommodation in order to have enough classrooms and facilities to take the extra children.

The school has provided the following statement in support of the proposal: “Staff, Governors and Parents support the proposal to permanently increase the admission number to 30. This will allow us to teach in single year groups and have a greater number of staff to facilitate the wide range of learning opportunities for all the children in our care. Being able to permanently increase our intake will enable more local families to be offered a place at a school of their choice.”

4. What happens next?

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<td>4 March to 19 April 2013</td>
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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 Mr Mike Whiting, Kent County Council Cabinet Member for Education Learning and Skills.</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

There are a number of ways you can let us have your views:

Complete and return the response form to: Marisa White, Area Education Officer, East Kent Education Office, Clover House, John Wilson Business Park, Thanet Way, Whitstable, CT5 3QZ.

**Come to the public meeting:** Thursday 21 March at 7 pm

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**

Ethelbert Road Primary School

*Please return no later than 11am on Friday 19 April 2013*

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.
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: school.consultations@kent.gov.uk.


Please write your comments below: