Kent County Council would like to hear your views on a proposal to expand Lawn Primary School from 140 places to 210 places.

**Date of Public Meeting:**
7pm, Wednesday, 18th September 2013 at Lawn Primary School, High Street, Northfleet, DA11 9HB

[www.kent.gov.uk/schoolconsultations](http://www.kent.gov.uk/schoolconsultations)
1. Summary

Kent County Council are proposing to expand Lawn Primary School from 140 places to 210 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 16th September 2013 to 14th October 2013. There will be a public meeting on 18th September 2013 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 14th October 2013.

2. Background to the Proposal

Northfleet and West Gravesend have seen a significant number of large and small scale housing developments over the last few years. This growth 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. Medium and long term forecast indicate that the higher numbers of primary age children will continue as the Kent Thameside development continues.

Rationale for the change Lawn Primary School is a popular and successful school, ideally placed to accommodate the forecasted increase in demand for primary school places.

3. The proposal

The increased demand for primary places continues for September 2014. The Governing Body and Kent County Council are therefore proposing that Lawn Primary School increase its Year R intake to 30, taking the proposed total capacity of the school from 140 places to 210 places.

The school would admit 30 Year R pupils per year from September 2014 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, the school 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>Implementation, if the proposal is agreed.</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 overleaf to:** Richard Dalziel, Area Education Officer, Commercial Buildings, Gibson Drive, Kings Hill, Kent ME19 4QG, Fax: (01732) 525223
- **Come to the Public Meeting:** 7pm, Wednesday, 18th September 2013 at Lawn Primary School, High Street, Northfleet, DA11 9HB
- **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).

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Public Consultation Response Form: Lawn Primary School

**Please return no later than** Monday 14th October 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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Name:

Address:
Lawn Primary School is sited within the Northfleet Planning area. The Pan Capacity 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](http://www.kent.gov.uk/schoolconsultations) or contact school.consultations@kent.gov.uk