The Governing Body of Chantry Community Academy and Kent County Council would like to hear your views on a proposal to permanently expand Chantry Community Academy from 210 places to 420 places.

Date of Public Meeting:
7pm, Thursday, 3rd October, 2013 at Chantry Community Academy, Ordnance Road, Gravesend, Kent DA12 2RL

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1. Introduction
The Governing Body of Chantry Community Academy and Kent County Council are proposing to permanently expand Chantry Community Academy from 210 places to 420 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 Tuesday, 24th September, 2013 to Monday, 21st October, 2013. There will be a public meeting on Thursday, 3rd October, 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, 21st October, 2013.

2. Rationale
The northern and 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.

The increased demand for primary places has indicated a need to commission more places for September 2014. Medium and long term forecasts indicate that numbers of primary age children will continue to increase beyond 2014. Chantry Community Academy is ideally placed to accommodate the forecasted increase in demand for primary school places in the area.

3. The proposal
The Governing Body of Chantry Community Academy and Kent County Council are therefore proposing that Chantry Community Academy permanently increases its Year R intake to 60, taking the proposed total capacity of the school from 210 places to 420 places.

The school would admit 60 Year R pupils per year from September 2014 and subsequent years.

4. What happens next?

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<td>November 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>November 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>The school opens as a 2 Forms of Entry Primary Academy, if the proposal is agreed.</td>
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Chantry Community Academy is sited within the Gravesend North planning area.

Gravesend North Planning Area Forecast

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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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, Thursday 3rd October 2013 at Chantry Community Academy, Ordnance Road, Gravesend, Kent DA12 2RL.

- **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
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:

Please write your comments below:

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