Kent County Council would like to hear your views on a proposal to expand Slade Primary School from 315 places to 420 places.

**Date of Public Meeting:**
7pm, Monday, 4 November 2013 at Slade Primary School, The Slade, Tonbridge, Kent TN9 1HR

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

Kent County Council is proposing to expand Slade Primary School from 315 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 14th October 2013 to 29th November 2013. There will be a public meeting on 4 November 2013 which will give you the opportunity to make your views known and to ask any questions you may have.

This document outlines the proposal and the background to it. There is a form at the end which we ask you to complete and return to us by Friday 29th November 2013.

2. Background to the Proposal

The table on page 4 shows that the Reception Year numbers for the planning group of Tonbridge South are forecast to remain high over the next four years. In September 2014 the reception year deficit is projected to be 23 places, rising to 26 places in September 2015. Medium and long term forecasts indicate that the higher numbers of primary age children will continue.

In terms of total roll, Tonbridge South forecasts indicate a sustained increase in demand. The forecasts indicate a shortfall of up to 97 primary school places in Tonbridge South.

Slade 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 in the planning group of Tonbridge South continues for September 2014 and beyond. Therefore Kent County Council is proposing that Slade Primary School increase its reception year intake from 45 to 60, taking the proposed total capacity of the school from 315 places to 420 places.

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

Slade Primary school has an attached unit for pupils, between the ages of 4–11, with hearing impairment. The proposal does not include any amendments to the existing unit.

4. What happens next?

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<td>December 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>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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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 below to:
Jared Nehra, Area Education Officer for West Kent, Commercial Buildings, Gibson Drive, Kings Hill, Kent ME19 4QG Fax: (01732) 525223

Come to the Public Meeting
7pm, Monday, 4 November 2013 at Slade Primary School, The Slade, Tonbridge, Kent TN9 1HR. View and respond to the consultation online at: www.kent.gov.uk/schoolconsultations

Email your comments to: school.consultations@kent.gov.uk

(We will note all you say, but will not be able to respond individually to response forms, letters or emails).

Public Consultation Response Form: Slade Primary School

Please return no later than 11am on Friday 29 November 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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Slade Primary School is sited within the planning group of Tonbridge South.

The Published Admissions Number (PAN) Capacity shows the number of reception year 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 school.consultations@kent.gov.uk