Kent County Council would like to hear your views on a proposal to permanently expand Iwade Community Primary School from a two form entry primary school (intake of 60 children into the Reception class) to a three form entry primary school (intake of 90 children into the Reception class) from September 2015.

**Date of Public Meeting:**
Monday 18 November, 7pm at Iwade Community Primary School, School Lane, Iwade, Sittingbourne, ME9 8RS

[www.kent.gov.uk/schoolconsultations](http://www.kent.gov.uk/schoolconsultations)
1. Introduction
The population of Swale is increasing with families moving into the area and the birth rate rising. Kent County Council needs to add a significant number of primary school places to manage the increase in numbers of children coming forward. There is currently pressure on places across Sittingbourne and this is expected to continue.

2. Additional Expansions
As well as this proposal to permanently expand Iwade Community Primary School, other primary schools in Sittingbourne are expanding:

- The Westlands Primary School – expanding from 420 to 630 school places
- Lansdowne Primary School – expanding from 210 to 420 school places
- Lower Halstow School – expanding from 140 to 210 school places

It is also being proposed that Tunstall CE Primary School relocates to a new site and expands from 210 to 420 school places and consultation on this proposal is currently underway.

3. The proposal
Kent County Council would like to permanently expand Iwade Community Primary School by 30 places per year group which will take the total capacity of the school to 630 places. If this proposal goes ahead, the school would permanently admit 90 children into Year R from September 2015. The school would have a building project to provide additional accommodation in order to have enough classrooms and facilities to take the extra children. Currently there are 419 pupils on roll at the school and this means that the school is full to capacity and has no places available should families move to Iwade. This results in children having to travel out of the village for their education.

Where new housing development requires a new school or the significant enlargement of an existing school, the Admissions Code allows for a catchment area to be created and defined. This would form part of the statutory process for the expansion if the proposal goes ahead and would be valid for a period of three years (entry September 2015, 2016 and 2017). This would allow families moving into the new Iwade development to have easier access to a school place.

The school has provided the following statement in support of the proposal:
The Governors and staff wholeheartedly support the Local Authority proposal to increase Iwade Community Primary school to a three form entry school. With more new housing in and around Iwade we feel that it is most important that all Iwade children should be able to attend their local school and secure the school of their first choice. Additional building and possible changes to the existing buildings will also enable us to make the site more suitable and meet the needs of both the school and the local community.

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 Kent’.

4. What happens next?

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2 February to 2 March 2014
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.

March 2014
The Cabinet Member considers all responses made and decides whether to proceed with the expansion.

September 2015
Implementation if the proposal is agreed.

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:**
  Marisa White, Area Education Officer, East Kent Education Office, Brook House, Reeves Way, Whitstable, CT5 3SS.

- **Come to the Public Meeting at the School:**
  Monday 18 November 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

Forecast tables for Sittingbourne North and Iwade Planning Areas

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Housing numbers in the locality are set to increase over the next five year period and will bring forward additional pupils.

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Public Consultation Response Form: Proposed Expansion of Iwade Community Primary School

Please return no later than 11am on Monday 16 December, 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:

Your comments:

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.