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

Information about how to respond to this consultation is contained within this document.

Date of Public Meeting: Thursday 30 January at 7 pm
Venue: Joy Lane Primary School,
        Joy Lane, Whitstable, CT5 4LT

This document can also be viewed at:
www.kent.gov.uk/schoolconsultations

If you require further information please email:
school.consultations@kent.gov.uk
1. INTRODUCTION
Joy Lane Primary School was established as a two form entry primary school in September 2007 as a result of the amalgamation of the infant and junior schools. At the time of closure, the infant school had an admission number of 70 and the junior school had an admission number of 90.

The pupil population in Whitstable is rising with families moving into the town and the number of pre-school children increasing. For entry into Reception Year in September 2013, there were not enough school places available to meet demand. Joy Lane Primary School agreed to open an additional Year R class so that children would not have to travel outside of Whitstable for their education. Local knowledge demonstrates that pressure on admissions in the locality is growing and therefore the Local Authority needs to provide additional primary school places.

2. THE PROPOSAL
Kent County Council would now like to permanently expand Joy Lane Primary School by adding 30 places per year group, increasing the admission number for Year R from 60 to 90, increasing the total capacity of the school to 630. Currently there are 432 pupils on roll at the school and if the proposal goes ahead the school would grow over a 7 year period to reach the total capacity of 630 by September 2019.

The school would have a building project to provide additional accommodation in order to have enough classrooms and facilities to take the extra children should the permanent expansion to three forms of entry be agreed. A planning consultation would also take place regarding the plans and designs for the school site and the extra buildings.

3. 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 Kent County Council Education Cabinet Committee</td>
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<td>The Cabinet Member decides whether to proceed 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 four week period, comments and objections can be made about the proposal.</td>
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4. HOW TO GIVE YOUR VIEWS

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

1. Complete and return the response form overleaf to:
   Marisa White, Area Education Officer, East Kent Education Office, Brook House, Reeves Way, Whitstable, CT5 3SS
   • the final date for sending in responses is midday 28 February

2. E-mail your comments to: school.consultations@kent.gov.uk

3. Come to a meeting at the school on Thursday 30 January at 7 pm

   You can also view the consultation information 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.

PUBLIC CONSULTATION RESPONSE FORM

Proposed expansion of Joy Lane Primary School.

Please return no later than midday 28 February

1. Do you agree with the proposals? YES ☐ NO ☐

I am a: * Parent/Carer, Member of Staff, Governor, or Other interested party

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Please provide your comments overleaf.....
Forecast tables for Whitstable

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We are aware that with families continuing to move into the area, there will be pupils that do not yet appear in these forecasts. It is KCC’s policy to maintain 5% over capacity to ensure there are enough places available to meet demand and parental preference.

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