Wouldham All Saints CEP School Education Consultation

The Governing Body of Wouldham All Saints CEP School, School Lane, Wouldham, Rochester, Kent, ME1 3TS, with support from Kent County Council and the Rochester Diocesan Board of Education are consulting on a proposal to make the following prescribed alterations to the School in order to:

- Relocate and expand Wouldham All Saints CEP School from 210 to 420 places to a site adjacent to Hall Road for 1 September 2017

Wouldham All Saints CEP School has recently celebrated 150 years of established education. The school environment and ethos is very different now to 1865 but the basic principle of working hard to get every child to reach their potential is still a guiding force.

The school has grown significantly over recent years and is now over-subscribed and the roll is expected to be under pressure in the coming years and so the governors have created a proposal to ensure a sustainable and promising future for education in the area. The Governing Body of Wouldham All Saints CEP School, with the support of the Diocese of Rochester approached KCC to request that the school be considered for relocation and expansion.

The Governing Body of Wouldham All Saints CEP School with Kent County Council (KCC) and the Diocese of Rochester are consulting on the proposal to relocate the school to a larger site located approximately 0.65 miles south of the existing school and at the same time to increase the school to two form entry.

It is also proposed that the school would be rebuilt on this new site as a two form entry primary school expanding from 210 to 420 school places; with the possibility of increasing to three forms of entry in the longer term should there be a local need for this. If the proposal goes ahead the school would permanently admit up to 60 children into Year R from September 2017 and subsequent years.

The new school site would be significantly larger than the current one offering increased outside space and parking provision. The site would be acquired through a planning obligation with the developers of Peters Village to the South of Wouldham; this development will also contribute significantly to the construction of the new school buildings; offering a rare opportunity for a successful school to gain new modern facilities on a comfortably sized site. The new school site sites between Wouldham Village and Peters Village and will continue to serve the pupils from Wouldham Village.
The proposed expansion would enable the primary pupils from the Peters Village new community to benefit from the outstanding teaching and school ethos provided by Wouldham All Saints without placing a demand on the new school which could not be met. As the strategic commissioner of school provision, the Local Authority has a duty to ensure that there are sufficient school places for the residents of Kent. Should the proposed relocation and expansion of Wouldham All Saints CEP School not proceed, KCC would have a duty to accommodate the pupils from Peters Village in an alternative way which is likely to be costly, inefficient and would not give Wouldham All Saints CEP an opportunity to benefit from new accommodation and facilities.

Indicative location map – not to scale

What will happen to the existing school site?
The Rector and Churchwardens of Wouldham All Saints’ Parish Church, as Trustees, own part of the Wouldham All Saints school site. The Trustees with the support of the Rochester Diocesan Board of Education have provided agreement in principle to reinvest the value of the school site into the new school in exchange for an unencumbered transfer of the freehold title of the equivalent replacement new school site. KCC will seek to maximise the potential funding that can contribute to providing the best possible facilities at the new school. This may include some redevelopment of the existing school site; if redevelopment were to proceed then this would be subject to separate consultation and any proposal would be required to meet with Tonbridge and Malling Borough Council’s planning approval.

Are you just providing classrooms? What about other spaces pupils need?
The Governing Body is working closely with the Local Authority to ensure that all appropriate accommodation and facilities are provided to enable the school to continue to deliver an effective curriculum in a way that suits the needs of the school and its pupils. We are excited about the potential facilities that a new, purpose built school will bring.

Will there be enough outdoor play space?
A key part of this proposal is to ensure that pupils of Wouldham All Saints CEP School have sufficient outdoor play spaces, which are suitable for their needs. We will plan how to use the new spaces to provide the best opportunities for lunch and play.

Planning Permission for the new school
The application for the new school would be considered by KCC’s planning committee under Regulation 3 of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990; Tonbridge and Malling Borough Council will be a consultee to the proposals but will not be the decision making body.
The design of the new buildings will be sympathetic to their setting and the configuration of the school site will allow the school to be accessed from both the North and South without placing additional pressures on local roads.

KCC will provide an opportunity to view plans and submit your views at a Pre-planning application consultation event which will be scheduled in late 2015.

School Capacity
Although the school will be opening with 60 Reception year places in September 2017 it will grow incrementally over a period of 7 years. This will ensure that the school will increase in size in a careful, managed way that allows staff numbers to increase in line with the additional pupils each year.

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What additional funding will Wouldham All Saints CEP School Receive?
Revenue Funding:
1. Furniture and Equipment: £6,000 per classroom will be provided towards the cost of furniture and equipment. This will be given to the School for them to undertake procurement.

2. Pupil Growth Funding: In accordance with the Pupil Growth Policy established by KCC and its Schools’ Funding Forum, the school will receive guaranteed funding in Reception Year equivalent to for 60 Reception Year pupils for three years (2017-2019).

Satellite Provision
Please note that a separate consultation is currently underway on the proposals to:

- establish a Satellite provision of Ridge View School at Wouldham All Saints CEP School for 48 students with moderate to severe learning difficulties and
- increase the designated number of Ridge View School from 180 to 228 from 1 September 2017.

The proposal to relocate and expand Wouldham All Saints CEPS is linked to, but not contingent upon the proposals listed above. Full details and a copy of the consultation paper can be found on www.kent.gov.uk/schoolconsultations.

You can have your say by:
- Emailing us at school.consultations@kent.gov.uk; or completing a response form which is available on the website: www.kent.gov.uk/schoolconsultations
- Attending the drop-in information session held at Wouldham All Saints CEP School on 14 October 2015. The first hour from 4.30pm – 5.30pm will be for parents only. From 5.30pm – 6.30pm members of the general public will be welcome to attend.
Writing to Jared Nehra, Area Education Officer for West Kent, Kent County Council, Sessions House, County Hall, Maidstone ME14 1XQ. (You can also hand the letter or response form into Wouldham All Saints CEP School, no later than midday on 11 November 2015).

We have produced 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

What Happens Next?
If you are intending to contact us with your views, please do this by midday on 11 November 2015.

The consultation process – indicative timeline

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<td>The Cabinet Member for Education, and Health Reform decides whether to continue with the proposal. If so, KCC will publish a public notice for a four week period in a local newspaper and at the school. During this time comments and objections can be made about the proposal.</td>
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Jared Nehra
KCC, Area Education Officer for West Kent
WOULDHAM ALL SAINTS CEP SCHOOL
EDUCATION CONSULTATION RESPONSE FORM

Proposal to:
- Relocate and expand Wouldham All Saints CEPS School from 210 to 420 places to a site adjacent to Hall Road for 1 September 2017

Do you agree with the proposals?  Yes  ☐  No  ☐  Undecided  ☐

Which of the following best describes you? (please tick)
- ☐ Parent of pupil(s) currently attending Wouldham All Saints CEP School
- ☐ Member of staff at Wouldham All Saints CEP School
- ☐ A Governor at Wouldham All Saints CEP School
- ☐ Parent of pupils at another school
- ☐ Member of staff at another local school
- ☐ A Governor at another local school
- ☐ Other (please specify)…………………………………………………………………………………..

Name ……………………………………………………………………………..
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Your comments …

Please continue overleaf, if necessary

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