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To Parents / Carers, Staff and local stakeholders

The proposed permanent enlargement of Regis Manor Primary School
Public Consultation – 23 January to 6 March 2017

The Governing Body and Swale Academies Trust, in conjunction with Kent County Council (KCC), is seeking the views of parents, staff and other local stakeholders on a proposal to permanently expand the school to accommodate more pupils. This document is part of a six week consultation process which opens on Monday 23rd January 2017 and closes on Monday 6 March 2017. At the end of the consultation period a decision will be taken by the Governing Body, Swale Academies Trust and the Secretary of State for Education as to whether to make the changes described below.

During this consultation period it is intended to hold a Pre-Planning Consultation event to run concurrently with the education drop-in session. Details of this are set out in more detail below.

Introduction
KCC as the Local Authority has a statutory duty to ensure sufficient school places are available. The population growth in north Sittingbourne has led to pressure on school places across all year groups. Swale Borough Council’s local plan proposes an increased number of dwellings to be built each year, which could result in more pressure on school places. KCC has asked Swale Academies Trust to consider expansion of the school in order to ensure that sufficient primary school places are available locally.

Proposal
It is proposed to permanently expand the capacity of Regis Manor Primary School from 420 places to 630 places. The published admission number (PAN) for the school would increase from 60 to 90 for Reception Year entry in September 2018 and subsequent years. The table below shows how the number of places available at the school would increase each academic year over a seven year period.

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In addition to the Education consultation there will be a Pre-Planning consultation on the building proposals related to the expansion of the school. The purpose of a Pre-Planning consultation is to provide an opportunity for interested parties to view the new building plans and proposals for the expansion and make comments prior to a planning application being made.

A drop-in session, scheduled to be held on 23 February 2017 in the school hall between 5pm and 6pm will cover both the Education consultation and the Pre-Planning consultation. Representatives from the School, KCC and the Design team will be available to answer any questions you may have about the education proposal and the plans for the new buildings. There will be an opportunity to complete response forms for the Education consultation and the Pre-Planning consultation.

WORKING TOGETHER TO SUCCEED

Swale Academies Trust Registered Office:
Ashdown House Johnson Road Sittingbourne Kent ME10 1JS
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Trust Principal: Mr J Whitcombe MA
Executive Head – Primaries: Mr M Wilson
Education Consultation: Following the Education consultation the Governing Body and Swale Academies Trust will consider all the views expressed by stakeholders and then make a decision on how to proceed. If the agreement is to continue with the expansion, then approval would be sought from the Secretary of State. The expansion of the school would also be dependent on the outcome of the planning application.

Planning Consultation: Following the Pre-Planning consultation a planning application would be submitted to KCC’s planning department for agreement to build the new classrooms and facilities. It should be noted that, in addition to the Pre Planning consultation event, all stakeholders will have an opportunity to formally respond to the development proposals during the statutory planning application process.

If planning is approved then KCC will provide the school with a building which will be part one-storey/part two-storey and consist of an additional seven classrooms, a small hall and studio, together with ancillary facilities, to accommodate the additional children. The building will also include a relocated main pupil entrance with new parking drop off accessed from North Street.

Estimated Timetable

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<td>Drop-in session at the school to comment and ask questions on the education proposal and the plans for the new building.</td>
<td>23 February, 5-6pm</td>
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<td>Final date for sending in a response to the <strong>education</strong> consultation</td>
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<td>Decision on whether to proceed and planning application submitted</td>
<td>March 2017</td>
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<td>KCC’s Education and Young People’s Cabinet Committee for confirmation of the funding for the build project if planning is agreed</td>
<td>30 March 2017</td>
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<td>Agreement from the Secretary of State</td>
<td>June/July 2017</td>
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<td>Implementation, subject to agreement from all parties</td>
<td>September 2018</td>
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How to give your views on the proposal

There are a number of ways to give us your views on this proposal:

- A drop-in session for parents and other interested stakeholders is being held at the school on Thursday 23 February at 5-6pm, where there will be the opportunity to ask questions, complete a response form and view the design proposals for the new teaching accommodation.
- A response form is attached to this document and can be sent to the school or handed in at the school office. All written responses need to be received by midday on Monday 6 March 2017.
- Email your views and comments to: expansioninquiries@regis-manor.kent.sch.uk

Yours sincerely

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Education Consultation Response Form

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Please return to the school office no later than midday 6 March 2017 or email your comments to: expansioninquiries@regis-manor.kent.sch.uk

Do you agree with the proposal? Yes [ ] No [ ] Undecided [ ]

Which of the following best describes you?

[ ] A parent of a child or children currently attending Regis Manor School
[ ] A member of staff at Regis Manor School
[ ] A governor at Regis Manor School
[ ] Other – please specify .................................................................

Name and address (optional)

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Please provide your comments below and continue overleaf if necessary: