

Dear Parent and Carers

Primary School Place Planning in Muswell Hill

I am writing to all parents of children who currently go to school in Muswell Hill to open a conversation about future primary school place planning in the area. As you will be aware, in the autumn term last year we consulted with you on a proposal to expand this school from 1 form of entry in each year group to 3 forms of entry in each year group.

The feedback from this consultation is available to view at www.haringey.gov.uk/schoolexpansions2014

We consulted with the local area around St James CE Primary school stakeholders on whether we should expand this school. The feedback we received on the possible expansion of St James C of E Primary School was varied

- There was an acknowledgement of the need to provide additional local school places;
- There were also substantial concerns expressed about the expansion of St James from its current one form to three forms of entry;
- There were also concerns about the proposal put forward that would see a complete rebuild of the school in a manner that proposed that it should be partially located on the adjacent Cranwood House site;
- There were concerns about play space
- Local residents also expressed concerns about the impact of the potential development of St James at the same time as the proposed redevelopment of the former Cranwood House site and part of the St Lukes site;
- There was however broad support for moving from 1 form of entry to 2 forms of entry

We also received feedback that the proposals we set out were too constrained and that stakeholders would welcome a wider conversation about how to deliver additional places in the area.

Therefore, on 11 December Cllr Waters, the Lead Member for Children and Families, made the decision *not* to issue a Statutory Notice to set out our formal proposal to expand the school. Instead Cllr Waters agreed a recommendation for further consultation across the Muswell Hill planning area.

Further consultation – we want to hear what you think

The projected number of children in the Muswell Hill area and therefore school places needed in this area is shown at the end of this letter. The information shows that in the Muswell Hill area (the area shown on the map) we will 1 additional reception class in 2016 and 2017 and 2 reception classes from 2018.

On 19 January we will be launching a consultation across planning area 1 to seek the views of as many people as possible about how the providing new places in the area. Please join the conversation and respond to the consultation and encourage others to do so too. The consultation will finish on 24 February.

Please visit www.haringey.gov.uk/mh-consultation to complete an online questionnaire and paper versions are available in school if you prefer.

What will happen next?

Once the consultation has ended we will analyse the results and write a report which will set out recommendations for delivering new places in the future.

This report will be considered at the end of March by Councillor Waters who is the Lead Member for Children and Families.

For further information please go to www.haringey.gov.uk/mh-consultation

Yours sincerely

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