

**Primary School
Expansion 2011**

**A new
Primary
School
for
Surbiton**

Kingston Council is proposing to establish a new two Form Entry Primary School on part of the Surbiton Hospital site and we would like to hear your views.

Please fill in the form and return it to us (using freepost or online at www.kingston.gov.uk/school_expansion) with your comments by **Monday, 10 May 2010.**

To find out more about the proposal please come along to a public meeting with the Learning and Children's Services Directorate on **Monday, 29 March 2010 at 7.00pm** at The Surbiton Masonic Hall, Glenmore House, 6 The Crescent, Surbiton, Surrey KT6 4BN.

If you require further information about this proposal please contact us on 020 8547 5251 or via our website www.kingston.gov.uk/school_expansion

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Kingston Primary Expansion Strategy

The Royal Borough of Kingston is facing unprecedented demand for school places in its primary schools. Since 2008, the borough has had to respond to make additional places available for Reception Year (Year R / first year of Primary/Infant School at age 4) classes onward. These places were added on a temporary basis in order to ensure that sufficient places were available for all resident children who required a place. This strategy details how Kingston will permanently provide an additional 13.5 Forms of Entry (405 places) in Reception from September 2011 onwards to meet the expected future demand for places.

In September 2008, an additional 7 Forms of Entry (210 places) were added to Kingston Primary Schools to provide extra places in the form of additional (bulge) classes to deal with increased demand for a primary school place. This was followed by an additional 10 Forms of Entry (300 places) in 2009 and a further 10 Forms of Entry in 2010 (300 places). This was always recognised as a temporary solution largely through the use of temporary accommodation on various school sites, and did not permanently change the Published Admission Number.

This proposal, along with the package of proposals outlined below, set out how the Local Authority intends to permanently provide an additional 13.5 Forms of Entry (405 places). This permanent expansion will provide a total of 1,980 places to meet expected demand with a reasonable level of extra places to provide for a degree of parental preference and places for families moving into the area. In producing its strategy the Local Authority has taken into account a number of factors including; popularity of schools, suitability of site for expansion, geographical location and balance of community/ Voluntary Aided school places. It should be noted that many pupils attend a school in a different school planning area to the one in which they live.

Strategy for Permanent Expansion

* fe = Forms of Entry

School Places Planning Area	School	Number of places to be added	New size of school (places per year)	Date of Public Meeting
Kingston Town	Latchmere Primary	+30	120 (4 fe*)	23 March 2010
	Fern Hill Primary	+30	90 (3 fe)	31 March 2010
	King Athelstan Primary	+30	90 (3fe)	25 March 2010
	Alexandra Infants & St Pauls Junior	+30	90 (3fe)	25 March 2010 (Infant site)
Surbiton	St Matthew's Primary	+15	60 (2fe)	23 March 2010
	Grand Avenue Primary	+30	90 (3fe)	24 March 2010
	New School	+60	60 (2fe)	29 March 2010
Maldens & Coombe	Burlington Infants & Junior Schools	+30	120 (4fe)	26 April 2010 (Infant site)
	Christ Church New Malden Primary	+30	90 (3fe)	29 April 2010 (Junior site)
	Corpus Christi Primary	+30	90 (3fe)	28 April 2010
	Malden Manor Primary	+30	90 (3fe)	27 April 2010
South of the Borough	Ellingham Primary	+30	60 (2fe)	29 April 2010
	Lovelace Primary	+30	90 (3fe)	27 April 2010

There are separate consultations for each of the four planning areas. Public meetings will be held at each of the schools listed above. These consultation documents are available online on our website (www.kingston.gov.uk/school_expansion) or by calling 020 8547 5251. All meetings start at 7pm apart from Alexandra Infants which starts at 7.30pm. The New School public meeting will be held at The Surbiton Masonic Hall, Glenmore House, 6 The Crescent, Surbiton, Surrey KT6 4BN.

Why are more primary school places needed?

As outlined above, temporary increases in the number of primary school places have been necessary since 2008 to provide sufficient capacity within Kingston schools. The permanent capacity of 1575 places has proved inadequate for a number of reasons, including: -

- The birth rate has risen by 23% between 2002/03 and 2007/08 – single biggest factor
- An increasing proportion of resident children are applying for a Kingston Primary School place of the corresponding years' number of live births (increased from approximately 80% to 90%)
- Kingston Primary Schools are popular and high achieving driving up demand for places, many from those outside of the Borough
- New housing developments including increasing numbers of school aged children living in smaller dwellings particularly flats
- Reduced demand for independent sector school places due to the performance of the economy
- Changes in the housing market resulting in fewer families moving away from Kingston.

Forecast for Reception places required in Kingston Borough**

School Year	2010/11	2011/12	2012/13	2013/14	2014/15	2015/16
Number of Live Births	2024	2140	2202	N/A	N/A	N/A
Reception pupils projected	1801	1905	1963	1972	1969	1952
New Permanent Capacity	1875*	1980	1980	1980	1980	1980
Surplus places	74	75	17	8	11	38

* Includes 300 temporary places through additional classes

** Revised forecasts incorporating latest population data will be available shortly and whilst confirming a sustained high birth rate are expected to reduce the reception pupils forecast for 2012/12–2014/15 creating some additional surplus capacity

Population estimates of numbers of four year olds and places in the Surbiton Area**

School Year	2007/08	2008/09	2009/10	2010/11	2011/12	2012/13	2013/14
Estimated Population of four year olds	359	396	412	414	438	450	454
Year R School places	405	465*	555*	480*	510	510	510

* Includes bulge classes added to Surbiton area schools

** Number of places is much higher than numbers of resident children due to numbers of children attending schools (including VA schools) from outside of the area

The Proposal

The proposal is to provide a new two Form Entry primary school as part of the redevelopment of the Surbiton Hospital site. If approved, it would open in Surbiton on 1 September 2011 for Year R pupils only. However, until the building works are complete, pupils would be based for the first year only away from the proposed site in satellite arrangements which are likely to be linked to existing Local Authority provision.

New buildings would be completed by 1 September 2012 and the school would be fully operational on the site from this date with Year R and Year 1 pupils only.

Proposed Site

NHS Kingston has already carried out extensive consultation with existing health service users and residents regarding the future use of the Surbiton Hospital site. Their plans are for the development of a Polyclinic which will provide around the clock health provision including GP services, walk-in urgent care, diagnostics (blood tests, ultrasound and X-rays) and outpatient services. Alongside this, land that is surplus for health requirements has been identified for the development of a new two form entry primary school and would be made available to the Local Authority to purchase.

The site represents an excellent location in terms of existing primary school provision, whilst also being located in an area where growth in the pre-school aged population has been concentrated in recent years. Following an extensive land search across the whole borough it is the only site which provides the opportunity to deliver a new two form entry primary school in the Surbiton area.

Planning and Design

Due to the challenging timescales to deliver new school buildings by September 2012, designs for a school on this site are currently being developed. The same architects have been appointed to design both the proposed Polyclinic and new school and they will ensure that the designs for both uses will be fully integrated and complimentary to each other.

Design proposals will be shared widely with the local community and prospective parents/carers alongside other expansion plans for existing schools from May 2010 onwards through exhibitions and pre-planning application and statutory consultation.

Who will it serve?

There are an increasing number of primary aged children in the Surbiton area. There are proposals to expand Grand Avenue Primary and St Matthews C of E Primary, but it is not possible to expand all other successful local schools to meet the rising demand for places. The new school will provide an alternative school of choice for parents/carers in the Surbiton area. Details of the proposals for other schools in the Surbiton area are available on the Kingston website (www.kingston.gov.uk/school_expansion).

The School Competition Process

New school organisation regulations which came into force in 2007 mean that the Local Authority must go through a prescribed process in order to open a new school. These regulations have introduced a competition process which allows a number of prospective providers of new schools

to come forward and bid to run the school. A decision regarding the provider of the new school is expected to be reached around December 2010 or January 2011. The Local Authority can submit its own bid to run a new community primary school. The Local Authority will consider whether it wishes to submit a bid to run the school following the publication of the competition notice.

Admissions Criteria

The admissions criteria for any new school cannot be confirmed until the provider is known. Potential school providers will be required to outline their proposed admissions policy, including oversubscription criteria, when submitting their bid during the competition notice phase.

Extended Services

The school would be at the heart of its local community and offer a comprehensive range of extended services for both for its school population and the wider community. For pupils there would be a range of before and after school activities which complement the delivery of the core school curriculum. The school would be open outside of normal school hours for the benefit of the local community in evenings, weekends and school holiday periods for a range of family, adult learning and leisure activities.

Special Educational Needs

At the heart of our future strategy for Special Educational Needs (SEN) is a vision that all Kingston Schools are inclusive and welcoming. We want to continue to improve every pupil's life chances and for parents/carers to be confident that our services are excellent. We have already established specialist resourced provision for pupils with SEN in some of our mainstream schools and we know that along with the increasing demand for school places, the number of pupils identified with SEN is increasing. Our SEN Strategy sets out our plan to establish more specialist support in schools and we plan to establish a specialist resourced provision in the new school.

Early Years Provision

Surbiton is experiencing a rising pre-school aged population and integral to the provision of a new primary school would be the inclusion of 52 place nursery for children not of statutory school age. This would provide 26 part time places in the morning session and 26 part time places in the afternoon session. Over time the nursery would increase its range of provision for parents/carers.

An on-site nursery would provide the school with close links to the local community. It would contribute to the diversity of early years provision and not undermine existing providers.

Promoting Sustainable Travel

A Transport Impact Assessment has been commissioned to assess the likely impact of a new two Form Entry Primary School, as well as a Polyclinic, in this location. This will include assessment of the likely proportion of pupils who will travel to school by sustainable means. Promoting sustainable travel, including through a School Travel Plan, will be at the heart of this new school and we expect that the vast majority of pupils will live within easy walking distance of the school. Consideration is being given to developing an agreement between school and parent/carer that pupils will travel to school by sustainable means.

Capital Costs

The estimated cost of delivering the Primary Expansion Strategy is £70 million up to 2014/15. The Council approved a budget of £42 million on 25 February 2010 for the next two years to progress the necessary building works. This is a combination of funding already secured as well as funding which the Local Authority expects to receive that can be used to meet the permanent need for additional primary school places.

At this stage, the precise costs for providing a new school on this site cannot be confirmed as the acquisition of the site is still subject to negotiation with NHS Kingston. However, we currently estimate that overall build costs for a new school would be approximately £8 million.

What happens next?

Thank you for taking time to read this document. There is a tear off section on pages 7 and 8 of the document for you to complete and return, or you can respond online at www.kingston.gov.uk/school_expansion

Your views are important to us and will be reported to the Council's Executive on 8 June 2010 who will decide whether to proceed to the competition stage and the final specification for the new school. The timetable below sets out the next steps following this consultation including your opportunity to comment on the design proposals for the site (correct at time of publication).

15 March 2010	Statutory consultation on opening a new school begins
29 March 2010	Public meeting held
10 May 2010	Close of this consultation
15 May 2010	Design proposals shared at Primary School Exhibition (venue TBC)
May – June 2010	Pre-planning application consultation on scheme for sites plus display of designs at each school location
26 May 2010	Maldens & Coombe and Surbiton Neighbourhood meetings to have a display of the designs
27 May 2010	South of the Borough and Kingston Town Neighbourhood meetings to have a display of the designs
24 – 28 May 2010	Pre-planning application consultation on scheme for site
8 June 2010	Kingston Executive considers results of school consultation and decides whether to proceed to competition stage
24 June 2010	If agreed, Competition Notice inviting bids is issued
July to November 2010	Submission of planning application, consultation and decision
23 October 2010	Deadline for submission of bids to run the new school
1 November 2010	2 nd Notice giving details of all bids is issued and further consultation takes place (including a public meeting)
13 December 2010	Deadline for comments about bids
January 2011	RBK Executive or Schools Adjudicator makes decision about who will provide the new school
September 2011	School officially opens with Year R pupils temporarily located off site for first year (details to be confirmed)
September 2012	School buildings completed with school operating Years R and 1 only and the nursery opening on site