

Consultation on proposal to expand Newport Primary School by 1FE

Consultation period: 9 January – 5 February 2012

Background information

You may be aware that Waltham Forest has seen a significant rise in the birth rate as well as lots of new families coming into the borough in recent years. This means that there are now insufficient primary school places in the borough to deal with the demand.

Local Authorities (LA) have a statutory duty to secure sufficient school places within its area. Waltham Forest Council has already consulted on and is implementing the first two phases of permanent primary expansions, to expand the schools listed below.

Permanent expansions consulted on:

School	Expanded size (FE)	Date to expand
Willow Brook Primary School	2FE to 3FE	Sept 2009
St Saviour's CE VA Primary School	1FE to 2FE	Sept 2009
George Mitchell (primary phase)	1FE to 2FE	Sept 2010
Edinburgh Primary School	1FE to 3FE	Sept 2010
Wellington Primary School	1FE to 2FE	Sept 2011
The Woodside School	3FE to 4FE	Sept 2011
George Tomlinson Primary School	2FE to 3FE	Sept 2011
Gwyn Jones Primary School	1FE to 2FE	April 2012
Buxton School (Primary Phase)	3FE to 4FE	Sept 2012

A second phase of proposed permanent primary expansions identifies further schools for possible permanent expansion. This includes a proposal to expand **Newport Primary School from 3FE to 4FE.**

Proposed permanent expansions:

School	Proposed size (FE)
The Winns Primary School	3FE to 4FE
Newport Primary School	3FE to 4FE
The Woodside Primary School	4FE to 6FE
Davies Lane Primary School	2FE to 4FE
Hillyfield Primary School	3FE to 6FE
Mission Grove Primary School	2FE to 4FE
St Mary's CofE Primary School	1FE to 3FE
Stoneydown Park Primary School	1FE to 2FE

School places in Leyton

As a result of the rising birth rate in the Leyton South planning area, the projected Reception intake is also on the rise. From 2012/13 onwards the current places in the schools in this area are not sufficient to meet demand for the Reception intake.

Newport Primary School has already taken an extra Reception class in 2011. This proposal would allow new permanent places to become available from September 2012.

Proposal

The proposal for Newport Primary School is to enlarge the school to increase the physical capacity by one form of entry. The number of pupils to be admitted to the school into Reception from 1 September 2012, and subsequent years, would increase from 90 to 120. The number of pupils to be admitted to the nursery will remain at 52 full time equivalent places.

What will be done to the building?

The council will assess the school and ensure that adaptation, refurbishment and any necessary internal or external building work will be undertaken to deliver good quality teaching and learning environments.

Parents & local community consultation meetings:

10 January 2012 at 9am

10 January 2012 at 5.30pm

Who is being consulted?

The following groups must be consulted

- The Governing Body of Newport Primary School
- Parents, carers, teachers and pupils who may be affected by the proposal
- Waltham Forest Admissions Forum
- Neighbouring schools and LAs that may have an interest
- Any other interested parties (e.g. Dioceses, Early Years)

We will also be consulting all school and nursery staff, the trades unions, local voluntary organisations including the Race Equality Council, faith groups and the general public, as far as is practicable.

What happens next?

At the end of this consultation period the Council will consider the responses. If the Council decides to go ahead with the proposal, a statutory notice will be published. There would then be a final opportunity for you to give your views and comments on the proposal. At the end of the final consultation stage, the Council will make a decision on whether to implement the proposal.

Some words from the Chair of Governors

Governors have agreed to consult on a proposal to expand Newport School to a four form entry school. We are confident that we are well placed to expand the school at this time. We would like to hear your views on the proposal and I invite you to read this document and, if possible, to attend one of the consultation meetings. The meetings will be your opportunity to ask questions of both the school and the local authority. If you cannot attend, you can make your views known by letter or by e-mail.

I look forward to seeing you at one of the meetings.

What is the timescale for this period of consultation?

This period of consultation will close on 5 February 2012 at 5pm. This is an opportunity for you to comment on the proposal, to express your view and to make suggestions and observations.

Further details on the proposed expansion is available at

www.walthamforest.gov.uk/newport

Proposed timescale for the consultation

Date	Activity
9 Jan '12	Consultation starts
10 Jan '12 (9am/5.30pm)	Meeting for parents & local community
5 Feb '12	End of consultation period
5 March '12	Publication of statutory notice
2 April '12	End of period for representations
15 May '12	Cabinet decision
1 Sept '12	Implementation

How can I get in contact?

Please send your response by **5 February 2012 at 5pm** with your name, signature and address to:

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Alternatively please put your response in the Response Box located in the school's reception area.

This document can be provided in different formats and languages. Please contact Rhona Long (contact details as above).

