

Public Consultation Document

Otford Primary School expansion



Kent County Council would like to hear your views on a proposal to permanently expand Otford Primary School from 350 places to 420 places.

Date of Public Meeting:

7pm, Thursday 6 December 2012

Otford Primary School, High Street, Otford, Kent, TN14 5PG.

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1. Introduction

Kent County Council is proposing to confirm the expansion of Otford Primary School from 350 places to 420 places.

We are currently undertaking a public consultation to seek the views of the wider community on this proposal. The Public Consultation Period will run from Monday 3 December 2012 to Monday 28 January 2013. There will be a public meeting on Thursday 6 December 2012 which will give you the opportunity to make your views known and to ask any questions you may have.

This document gives you details of the proposal, information on the background to it, and outlines the current position. There is a form at the end which we ask you to complete and return to us by 28 January 2013.

2. Why the change ?

Sevenoaks and the surrounding villages have experienced both indigenous growth and inward migration over the last few years, bringing new families to the area. Enhancements to the infrastructure are required in order to meet the future needs of residents.

In 2010, Otford Primary School agreed to a two year temporary enlargement to accommodate the increasing demand for primary school places.

The increased demand for primary places continues for September 2013. Medium and long term forecasting indicates that the higher numbers of primary age children will continue to increase. Otford Primary School is ideally placed to accommodate the forecasted increase in demand for primary school places.

3. The proposal

Kent County Council is therefore proposing that Otford Primary School permanently increases its Year R intake to 60, taking the proposed total capacity of the school from 350 places to 420 places.

The school would admit 60 Year R pupils per year from September 2013 and subsequent years.

4. What Happens Next ??

Date(s)	Activity
Mar 2013	Following the consultation, all views received, either by post, e-mail or at the Public Meeting, will be reported to the Education Committee.
Mar 2013	The Cabinet Member decides whether to continue with the proposal. If so, KCC will publish a Public Notice in a local newspaper, at the school and in public places like the library. During this time comments and objections can be made about the proposal. The Public Notice will run for 6 weeks.
May 2013	The Cabinet Member considers all responses made and decides whether to determine to proceed with the expansion.
During 2013/14	If required, building work will commence.
Sept 2013	The school opens as a 2 Forms of Entry Primary School, if the proposal is agreed.

5. How To Give Your Views

Complete and return the response form below to:

Simon Webb, Area Education Officer, Green Zone, Commercial Buildings, Gibson Drive, Kings Hill, Kent ME19 4QG Fax: (01732) 525223

Come to the Public Meeting

7pm, Thursday 6 December 2012, at Otford Primary School, High Street, Otford, Kent, TN14 5PG.

Email your comments to: school.consultations@kent.gov.uk

View and respond to the consultation online at: www.kent.gov.uk/schoolconsultations

We will note all you say, but will not be able to respond individually to response forms, letters or emails.

Patrick Leeson,
Corporate Director,
Education, Learning and Skills



Public Consultation Response Form

Otford Primary School

Please return no later than 11am on Monday 28 January 2013

You can also email your views to: school.consultations@kent.gov.uk

Do you agree with the proposal?

Yes

No

I am: *A Parent/Carer of a primary aged child, Member of Staff, Governor, Other interested party

..... (please state).

* Please delete as appropriate

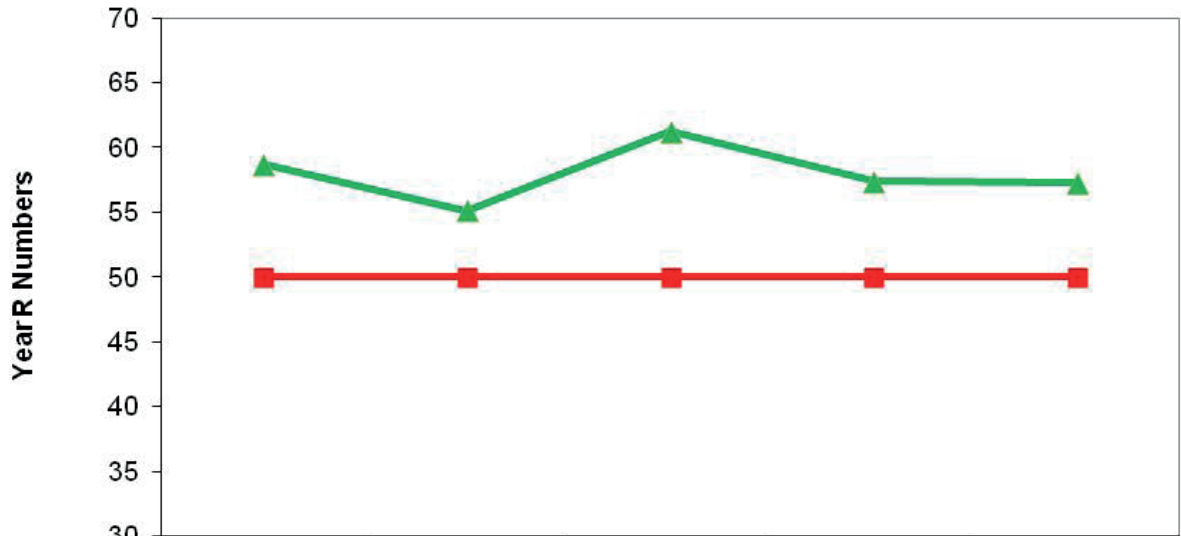
Name:

Address:

Kent County Council is a data controller under the Data Protection Act 1998 and will comply with the requirements of the Act at all times. We will ensure that your personal information is processed fairly and lawfully and in this instance used only for the purpose of validation, which will enable a fair and just consultation.

Otford Primary School is sited within the Otford planning area.

Otford Planning Area Forecast



	2012-13	2013-14	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17
Year R Capacity (PAN)	50	50	50	50	50
Edge Forecast	59	55	61	57	57



The Year R Capacity (PAN) shows the number of Year R places available if the proposal does not proceed to implementation.



Your comments...

We have completed 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 or contact schoolconsultations@kent.gov.uk.