

# School Organisation Consultation

Proposal to alter the upper age limit of  
Reigate Parish Church School

## Reigate Parish Church School



## The Proposal

The Governing Body of Reigate Parish Church School, in cooperation with the Diocese of Southwark and Surrey County Council, is proposing to:

- Enlarge Reigate Parish Church School from a 180-place Infant School, 60 places per year from Reception to Year 2, to a 420-place Primary School, 60 places per year from Reception to Year 6. The school would grow incrementally, year-on-year, with the first Year 3 cohort starting in September 2016 and working its way progressively through the age range, with the school effectively reaching its new capacity of 420 places in September 2019.
- Retain the Published Admission Number (PAN) at 60, with pupils already at the school transferring from Year 2 to Year 3 and continuing their education at the school until the end of Year 6.
- Build additional permanent classrooms and ancillary space to facilitate this.

The enlargement would be effective from 1 September 2016.

## The current position

- Reigate Parish Church School has permanent accommodation for 180 pupils, from Reception Year to Year 2.
- The school has a Published Admission Number (PAN) of 60 and generally admits 60 pupils each year into its Reception Year.

## Why are we proposing to enlarge Reigate Parish Church School?

Reigate and Banstead is experiencing a significant increase in the demand for school places, reflecting both a significant rise in birth rate and increased house building and migration within the area. Births in the Borough in 2014 were 24.8% higher than births in 2002. A significant number of primary school places have been provided reflective of this demand and further growth is anticipated in the period up to 2022, which needs to be accommodated via further expansions of school provision. If approved, this proposal would provide 240 additional junior places within Reigate and Redhill that would, in part, help to bridge the projected gap between the supply of and demand for school places.

Reigate Parish Church School is a Voluntary Aided Church of England School. The school is conducted as an Anglican school and delivers an education offer with a Christian ethos. The Local Authority values diversity in school provision and works with the Diocese of Southwark to ensure that there are sufficient places for parents who would choose a place at a Church of England school for their child.

The school is on an attractive site close to pupil demand. The school has a strong reputation and is oversubscribed for school places. For September 2015, the school received 70 1<sup>st</sup> preferences, and 249 preferences overall. Expanding this school will promote parental preference, by allowing the option of continuing education into the Junior phase at a demonstrably popular school.



A programme of building works at the school will expand the school to a primary school and improve the school entrance and office area thus enhancing the learning experience for pupils, parents and staff.

Surrey County Council and the School Governors also feel that there are specific education benefits of Primary organisation, relative to separate Infant and Junior phases, including:

- A seamless transition from Key Stage 1 (Infants) to Key Stage 2 (Juniors);
- Increased staff numbers, with a greater diversity of experience, leading to educational development and progress;
- Greater opportunities for curriculum development and school clubs;
- Greater opportunities for staff development/recruitment; and
- Greater flexibility with a larger budget to deploy staff and curriculum resources effectively.

## The need for additional school places in Reigate & Redhill

The Reigate & Redhill area has recently experienced a significant growth in pupil numbers, which is projected to be sustained in the medium- to long-term, as shown in the below pupil forecast table:

Year	Inf. PAN	Inf. Projection	Deficit	Jun. PAN	Jun. Projection	Deficit
2015/16	900	954	54	870	875	5
2016/17	900	1000	100	870	899	29
2017/18	900	976	76	870	929	59
2018/19	900	956	56	870	965	95
2019/20	900	956	56	870	1010	140
2020/21	900	962	62	870	995	125
2021/22	900	967	67	870	985	115
2022/23	900	973	73	870	987	117
2023/24	900	978	78	870	992	122
2024/25	900	983	83	870	996	126

On the basis of the above projections, Surrey County Council is of the view that there will be a sustained need for an additional 3 Forms of Entry (FE) for the Infant Phase and 4 Forms of Entry for the Junior Phase within this area.

The proposal for the expansion of Reigate Parish from a 2FE Infant School to a 2FE Primary School is a critical element of the Council's strategy to meet this increase in pupil demand, as its delivery would provide half of the long-term Junior Phase requirement.

## **School Building Requirements**

The school has capacity to expand in its existing location. A building programme will be required to provide the permanent facilities to allow for this increase. Appropriate capital has been approved to achieve this and a separate planning application (with its own consultation process) will be initiated in due course.

The planning application process provides an opportunity to raise issues relating to the proposed building and implications including traffic, school facilities, energy and the impact on the local community and access.

Responses to the education consultation should focus on the educational implications of the proposed change.



## **Have Your Say**

We would like to know what the community thinks about our proposal. There is a Consultation Response Form on page 7 of this leaflet. We are specifically looking for your views on the educational aspects of this proposal.

The consultation will be open until **29<sup>th</sup> June 2015**.

## **What happens next?**

We are going to hold a public meeting at the School where you can express your views, obtain more information and have your questions answered. The details of the meeting are as follows:

**Reigate Parish Church School**

**On**

**Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> June 2015 at 8:00pm**

**Please come and share your views**

At the end of the Consultation, the Governing body will consider the responses and decide whether to proceed with the proposal. The outcome of the decision will be published on the school website:

<http://www.reigate-parish.org.uk/>

## **Where can I get more information?**

You can find out more by contacting:

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### **Can I write to you with my views?**

You can write to us with your views or email us at the above address.

Please also complete the Response Form on page 7.

### **How long have I got to give my views?**

We are consulting on these proposals until **29<sup>th</sup> June 2015**.



# Consultation Response Form

## Proposal to expand Reigate Parish Church School from a 60 place per year Infant School to a 60 place per year Primary School, from September 2016

Please give us your views. Please tick the box that best shows what you think of the following questions and also give us any comments you have. You can write on the other side of this sheet if you want more space to write comments.

1. Do you agree with the proposal to expand Reigate Parish Church School from September 2016?

Agree

Don't know

Disagree

Comments:

Please tick the boxes that apply to you.

A parent/carer of a child currently at Reigate Parish in Reception or Year 1, with no older siblings

A parent/carer of a child currently at Reigate Parish in Reception or Year 1, with an older sibling who is, or will be, at another Junior school in September 2015

A parent/carer of a child currently in Year 2 at Reigate Parish

A parent/carer of a child in an Early Years setting

A parent/carer of a child who may in future attend the school

A parent/carer of a child at another school

Someone who works at the school

A Governor of the school

Some other link to the school

Someone else with an interest – please give details

It would also be helpful if you could give your postcode

Please tick if you have written comments on the other side

