



Queen Eleanor's Church of England Junior School

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Dear Parents and Neighbours,

Following the Governing Body's decision to proceed with the proposal to expand Queen Eleanor's School and to publish Statutory Notices regarding the expansion from two to three form entry in September 2014, we would like to outline the next steps in the process.

Statutory Notices were published on 31st May, which you may have seen posted outside the school. As outlined in the notice, within four weeks from the date of publication anyone may object or make comments on the proposals. These responses will then be analysed and a report sent to Surrey County Council's Member for Children and Learning, who will make the final decision regarding the expansion proposal before the end of term. If the decision is made to proceed with the expansion, a separate consultation process will then take place regarding planning permission for the new classroom block.

As explained previously, it has already been determined that the school will admit a bulge class in September 2013, and work will soon begin to refurbish the existing Horsa huts to provide suitable Year 3 classroom accommodation. The costs of this refurbishment and the equipping of the classroom will be met by Surrey County Council, as will be the case for the new classroom block if the expansion proposal proceeds. The school is also benefiting from the specialist technical support of the Guildford Diocesan School Buildings Team to progress this project.

Full minutes of the Governing Body meeting of 22nd May 2013 where the decision to proceed with the expansion proposal was reached will be published on the school website next week. In summary, having given due regard to issues raised in the consultation process, the Governing Body felt that Queen Eleanor's was well placed to meet the need for increased primary provision in the area. In view of the fact that the school has been over-subscribed, we felt we could serve the local community better through expansion, without compromising our educational standards or values. If the expansion proposal proceeds, the school will grow year by year, allowing time to make any necessary changes.

The Governing Body acknowledged the concerns expressed during consultation regarding the potential traffic implications of expansion, and the possible impact on local residents. In response to this, it was agreed to commission a traffic survey to investigate mitigating measures which can be incorporated into a comprehensive school travel plan.

We are grateful to all those parents and neighbours who engaged in the consultation process and will continue to keep you informed of progress as information becomes available. Please use our email address feedback@queen-eleanors.surrey.sch.uk if you have any questions or suggestions.

This is an exciting stage in the development of Queen Eleanor's School and the Governing Body is committed to making the most of the opportunity to build on the progress that has been made and to provide an excellent education for the children in our community.

Chair of Governors