

Primary School Places Consultation

Extra classes are being added to many schools across the Country in order to cope with a rapid rise in the birth rate particularly in the South East. Official figures show an extra 450,000 places will be needed in primary schools in England by 2015 particularly in London.* Brighton & Hove has identified a similar trend to other Authorities and has been working in recent years to expand schools in the areas of greatest demand.

*BBC news article by Sean Coughlan, 14 March 2012, bbc.co.uk/news/education-17273218

Pupil numbers – the picture in Brighton and Hove

Analysis of projected pupil numbers shows that the number of pre-school children has grown to the point where more primary school places will be needed in Hove and at the Brighton/Hove border. With additional housing development also affecting numbers we anticipate that the need for places will be permanent and sustained.

To meet the projected future growth in primary pupil numbers we should be looking to provide a minimum of 120 places by 2015 in Hove, and a further 30 places in the south of Brighton by 2014.

The Council is therefore proposing:

1. To permanently expand the following primary schools from September 2013 by one form of entry (FE) each;
 - Stanford Infants (from 3 FE to 4 FE)
 - St. Andrews C.E. Primary (from 2 FE to 3 FE)
2. To permanently expand the following primary schools from September 2014 by one FE each.
 - The Connaught Building, West Hove Infants (from 3 FE to 4 FE)
 - St Marks Primary (from 1 FE to 2 FE)
3. To permanently expand one or both of the following primary school for September 2015 by one FE.
 - Aldrington C.E. Primary (from 1 FE to 2 FE)
4. To permanently expand the following junior schools, should their relevant infant school be expanded as proposed above by one FE each.
 - Stanford Junior School (from September 2016)
 - ‘Connaught’ Junior School (from September 2017)

The Council will be consulting directly with the schools affected, and public meetings will be held at each school. Where relevant the appropriate diocese will also be consulted. In addition there will be three citywide public meetings held at:

Brighton Town Hall	date	time
Hove Town hall		
Portslade Town hall		

The citywide public meetings will also include information related to future secondary provision and the review of secondary admissions catchment areas.

If you would like to comment on these proposals please do so by returning this form or writing to

Gil Sweetenham, Strategic Commissioner, Planning and Contracts
 Kings House
 Hove

The form may also be completed on line at
 Or sent by e-mail to@brighton-hove.gov.uk

Responses need to be returned by 30th November 2012

Name:

Are you:

A parent	
A school Governor	
A local Resident	
A Teacher	

at which school:

I would like to make the following comments related to the proposed expansion ofschool

Do you agree with the proposal to expand this school?

YES/NO