



Portsmouth Primary School Expansion Consultation

Introduction

Portsmouth is facing increased demand for school places over the next few years. This is largely due to a rise in the number of children being born in the city, but there are other factors that have an effect. These include a reduction in the number of Portsmouth children attending schools maintained by neighbouring Local Authorities, a reduction in the number of Portsmouth children accessing independent education, housing developments in the City and inward migration.

The Need for Additional Places

The Council has invested £4.96 million in recent years to provide 1,065 additional primary school places, but our pupil forecasts predict further increases in demand in the primary sector with no sign in the short to medium term of a significant decrease in demand. There is therefore a need for further investment in additional and permanent school places to enable the Council to fulfil its statutory duty of providing sufficient school places.

The Proposal

Space for school expansion is limited in Portsmouth especially in the areas of the City with the highest demand for school places. Expansion would not be possible on many school sites. The Local Authority has identified a number of schools that could expand to meet the increased demand for places.

The Council is therefore proposing to expand the following schools.

Craneswater Junior School

Craneswater Junior School is currently a three-form entry junior school with a Published Admission Number (PAN) of 90 and a total capacity of 360 pupils. The Council is proposing to expand the school on a temporary basis from September 2015 and permanently from September 2016 to become a four-form entry junior school. This would increase the PAN of the school to 120, creating an additional 30 places in Year 3 for September 2015 and a further 30 places each year for the following three years. The total number of pupils at the school will also increase each year reaching the increased capacity of 480 pupils in 2018/19.

Northern Parade Infant School

The Council is proposing to expand Northern Parade Infant School (which is currently three-form entry school) on a temporary basis from September 2015 and permanently from September 2016 to become a four-form entry school. This would increase the Published Admission Number (PAN) from 90 to 120 creating an additional 30 places in Year R in September 2015 and the following two years. The total capacity of Northern Parade Infant School would increase to 360 with the actual number of pupils at the school increasing over the next three academic years to reach capacity.

Northern Parade Junior School

The proposal is to expand Northern Parade Junior School on a temporary basis from September 2015 and permanently from September 2016. The Published Admission Number (PAN) would increase from 90 to 120 with an additional 30 pupils being admitted each year from September 2015 to September 2018. The number of pupils at Northern Parade Junior School would increase over 4 years until it reaches the increased capacity of 480 pupils.

What happens next?

The Local Authority is consulting on these proposals.

Once the consultation has closed, the Local Authority will decide whether to move forward with the permanent expansion proposals. If the proposals are approved the Local Authority will work closely with the schools involved to identify the best way to achieve the expansion utilising existing buildings where possible. It is, however, possible that new teaching accommodation may have to be provided at some school sites.

Have Your Say

The Council is consulting on these proposals for 4 weeks starting **18th May 2015** and would like to hear your views.

You may wish to comment on the overall strategy of increasing the size of Portsmouth schools or you may have a view on a particular expansion proposal.

All comments must be received by 12pm on 15th June 2015

You can respond to the consultation

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