

## **CONSULTATION DOCUMENT**

### **Consulting you on a proposal to permanently expand Chipstead Valley Primary School**

**Consultation period: 01 June to 29 June 2015**

This document sets out:

- Information about Chipstead Valley Primary School
- Why we need more primary school places in Croydon
- Why we are proposing to expand Chipstead Valley Primary School
- The expansion proposal
- How you can give your views
- What happens after the consultation
- The consultation timetable

#### **Chipstead Valley Primary School**

Chipstead Primary School is part of the Chipstead Valley Academy Trust and is located at Chipstead Valley Road, Coulsdon, CR5 3BW. The school normally admits 2 classes, 60 reception pupils per year, although it will take an additional 30 pupils in September 2015 because of exceptional demand. The proposal is to permanently expand the school from two forms of entry to three forms, thereby increasing its Published Admissions Number from 60 pupils to 90 from September 2016. Chipstead Valley has been rated by Ofsted as an outstanding school, providing an outstanding education for its pupils.

#### **Why we need more primary school places in Croydon?**

The Council has a statutory duty to ensure that there are sufficient pupil places to meet the current and future demand for pupil places.

Like most London Boroughs, Croydon has been facing an unprecedented growth in demand for places. This is driven by:

- An increase in the number of births – by over 31% in the period from 2001 to 2011
- An increase in the proportion of those born in the borough who need school places five years later.
- A continuing flow of population from Inner London to the Outer London boroughs and a decrease – due to the housing market – in those moving the other way.

Latest forecasts of future need for primary pupil places show a continuing growth in demand for places, although the rate of growth is now slowing.

#### **Why are we proposing to expand Chipstead Valley Primary School?**

Enlarging a school is an exciting but challenging task. When we are thinking about how to provide additional school places we take account of:

- The popularity and success of the schools

- Leadership capacity to ensure that high quality places will be made available
- The suitability of the site
- The location – close to areas of high demand
- Value for money.

Chipstead Valley Primary School is a popular and successful school with strong leadership and governance. For 2014 admission we received 298 total applications for the 90 reception places available. For 2015 this rose to 393 total applications including 157 first preferences and 106 second preferences.

### **The expansion proposal**

If the proposal goes ahead 90 places will be offered to children applying for reception places from September 2016 using the school's normal admissions arrangements. This means that construction will take place to enlarge the school site to create extra classes and facilities to accommodate / offer an additional 30 reception pupil places from September 2016. The school will receive additional funding to employ extra teaching staff and meet the extra costs associated with the additional children being admitted at the school. The school would continue to receive an additional class in reception each year, so that by 2022 the school would have an extra 210 pupils in total, with 90 pupils in every year group – from Reception to Year 6.

In considering the proposed expansion, the Council commissioned a feasibility study, including an option appraisal of the school site and the costs involved. The details of the options will be worked out in consultation with the school's representatives, architect / contractor and Council's educational standards team to ensure minimum disruption to existing pupils and high quality learning spaces and facilities that meet the needs of the local community. A traffic impact assessment will also be carried out.

### **How you can give your views?**

Your views are important to us. We will be holding a public meeting at the school on the 16<sup>th</sup> June 2015 at 7pm. At this meeting, representative of the council, the architect/contractor and the school will talk about the proposal and seek your views. You can also:

- Complete the attached questionnaire and put it in the consultation box at the school
- Send your comments to: Denise Bushay, Croydon Council, Schools Organisation & Place Planning Team, Children, Families & Learning, 4<sup>th</sup> Floor, Zone D, Bernard Weatherill House, 8 Mint Walk, Croydon CR9 1EA; or [school.org@croydon.gov.uk](mailto:school.org@croydon.gov.uk)
- [office@chipstead.croydon.sch.uk](mailto:office@chipstead.croydon.sch.uk)
- Visit <http://www.croydon.gov.uk/education/schools-new/statnotice-consult/>
- <http://www.chipsteadvalley.com/cvps/>

### **What happens after the consultation?**

All the feedback we receive will be collated and reported to the Academy and they will make a decision on whether to go ahead, taking account of the pressure on primary places and the consultation feedback. If a decision is made to go ahead with the expansion, the school will notify the Education Funding Agency (EFA). This will include the consultation responses and the academy's response to the consultation. The Secretary of State (SoS) will then consider the proposed expansion, and the EFA will notify the school of the SoS decision regarding the proposal.

### **Process**

1. The Academy carries out a minimum of 4 weeks consultation with stakeholders, including
  - Parents/carers and local residents
2. Public consultation meeting at the school
3. Deadline for those with an interest to comment on / object to the proposed expansion
4. Analysis of responses – comments/objections
5. Consultation outcomes report produced
6. The Academy seeks Secretary of State's approval to implement proposal
7. The Secretary of State either approves or rejects the proposal.
7. The Education Funding Agency notifies the Academy of the decision and takes any necessary action.
8. The Education Funding Agency notifies the Academy of SoS decision
9. The Academy implements the proposed change, if approved by SoS.

### **Timetable**

	<b>Event</b>	<b>When</b>
1	Start of consultation (4 weeks)	01 June 2015
2	Public consultation meeting at the school	16 June 2015, 7pm
3	Deadline for feedback and comments	29 June 2015
4	Analysis of responses	01 July 2015
5	Draft consultation outcomes report	03 July 2015
6	Academy seeks approval by the Secretary of State for the expansion	08 July 2015
7	SoS considers proposal (approve or reject)	TBA
8	EFA notifies Academy of decision/ next steps	TBA
9	Implementation of proposal (if approved by SoS)	September 2016

**Questionnaire**

**1. Please tell us who you are – tick all that apply**

- Parent or carer of child/children at Chipstead Valley Primary School
- Parent or carer of child/children at another school. Which one? \_\_\_\_\_
- Parent or carer of a child/children not yet of school age \_\_\_\_\_
- A member of staff at Chipstead Valley Primary School \_\_\_\_\_
- A member of staff at another school. Which one? \_\_\_\_\_
- A local resident
- Other. Please tell us more \_\_\_\_\_

**2. What is your view of the proposal to expand Chipstead Valley Primary School to create places for 30 additional pupils each year?**

- Strongly in favour
- In favour
- Not sure
- Not in favour
- Strongly against

**3. Please use the space below to add any other comments or views on the proposed expansion of Chipstead Valley Primary School.**

## About You

In order to ensure we collect comments from a broad range of people and families reflective of our community it would be helpful if you could take a moment to complete the section below. Many thanks.

### Gender:

Male   
Female

### Age range:

16-18 19-25 26-34 35-44 45-54 55-64 65+

### Ethnicity (which of these describe your ethnic group?):

#### Asian/Asian British

Bangladeshi   
Indian   
Pakistani   
Chinese   
Any other Asian background   
(please specify)\_\_\_\_\_

#### Other Ethnic Group

Arab   
Any other ethnic background   
(please specify)\_\_\_\_\_

#### Black/African/Caribbean/

Black British  
African   
Caribbean   
Any other Black background   
(please specify)\_\_\_\_\_

#### White

English/Welsh/Scottish  
Northern Irish/British   
Irish   
Any other White background   
(please specify)\_\_\_\_\_

#### Mixed/Multiple Ethnic Groups

White and Asian   
White and Black  
Caribbean   
White and Black African   
Any other Mixed/Multiple  
Ethnic background   
(please specify)\_\_\_\_\_

Do not wish to declare  
ethnic group

**Do you consider yourself to have a disability?**

Yes  No

Mobility

Visually impaired

Hearing impaired

Mental health problems

Learning disability

Other  (please specify) \_\_\_\_\_