

Churchill Park School
Statutory Proposal to expand the school roll.

1. LA details

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2. School details

Churchill Park School
Winston Churchill Drive
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3. Description of expansion of school roll and evidence of demand

The proposal is to extend the number of permanent places from 150 to 205.

The catchment area will remain the same.

Churchill Park serves an unusually large catchment area which is described as West Norfolk.

There are currently in excess of 40 children of pre-school and primary age within the catchment area who clearly need specialist provision but who are being educated in mainstream schools or where parents have reluctantly taken the step of removing them to educate them at home.

4. Objectives and reasons

The reason for the proposal to extend the number of pupils on the roll is that demand far exceeds the present availability.

5. The effect on other schools, academies and educational institutions within the area

Churchill Park School and the Local Authority are in accord in their support for more effective inclusive practice and so, in considering future admissions, the criteria for admission is being sensitively, consistently and appropriately applied.

The expansion at Churchill Park School will mean that more children and young people with a level of need requiring specialist provision within our catchment area will be admitted to our school.

6. Project costs and an indication of how these will be met

All costs for this expansion will be covered by the funding for individual additional pupils.

Currently the school has favourable staffing levels and with no upward adjustment could accommodate 20 pupils in the existing 17 classes. In reality these vacancies exist in the 11 classes up to year 8 and are spread fairly evenly throughout these classes. Based on the current situation this would mean the creation of one more class to bring the numbers up to 205.

7. Implementation date and proposed stages

Implementation will begin in September 2015.

8. Consultation

New guidance, issued in January 2014 by the Department for Education, removed the requirement on the Local Authority to carry out a prescribed pre-publication consultation period for significant changes to maintained schools, However, Churchill Park School held a Public meeting.

A public meeting was held at the school where parents, staff, neighbours and other stakeholders were invited to express their views. The meeting was attended by three neighbours, one peripatetic member of staff and two teachers from a nearby school. Several e-mails in support of the expansion were received.

9. Related proposals.

There are no related proposals.

10. Procedure for making representations

Any person may object to, express support for, or make comments on the proposals by emailing the School Organisation Team at schoolreview@norfolk.gov.uk, or by writing to us at:

School Organisation Team, FREEPOST, 1H2076, Floor 8, County Hall, Martineau Lane, Norwich, NR1 2BR. You don't need a stamp.