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To Parents/Carers/Local Community

Consultation on the proposed expansion of Hughenden Primary School Monday June 22nd to Monday July 20th 2015

You may be aware that over the last few years there has been an increasing demand for new primary school places in Buckinghamshire. This now means a need for additional primary school places in the Wycombe area generally and in particular the Hughenden Valley area from September 2016.

Hughenden Primary School has been exploring options with regards to expansion proposals to allow additional children to be accommodated. At the request of the school admissions team we accepted an extra 15 children above our normal intake of 15 for September 2015. Now the Governors of our School in partnership with Buckinghamshire County Council are proposing to permanently increase the number of places available at Hughenden Primary School by 15 from 1 September 2016, taking the school from an annual intake of 15 to 30. This will mean that over a period of six years the School will build up to a capacity of 210.

The proposal to expand, which is in line with the aims and mission of our School is fully supported by the Governing Body. Most importantly the size of the proposed increase in pupil numbers will not compromise the School's ability to know and cater for pupils on an individual basis and retain our ethos of nurture and wellbeing.

This expansion would be achieved by adding some additional classrooms and ancillary spaces particularly between the school office and the hall. Improved access and parking on the school site are also being looked at. All of this would allow the additional children to be successfully accommodated.

The expansion of the school would provide us with a number of benefits and ensure the continuity of the highest standards of education, including:

- improved buildings and learning environment;
- improved facilities for key areas of the curriculum;
- a larger peer group for pupils to socialise with and learn from;
- improved recruitment and staff development;
- greater flexibility and efficiency in the deployment of staff and resources;
- greater financial resilience to changing circumstances such as pupil roll fluctuations;

- ensure that there are sufficient school places in the local planning area to meet forecast demand from both a younger population moving into Hughenden and nearby housing developments
- improved site access to ensure safety for children

The co-operation and participation of all involved will maximise the success of any solution to address the current lack of provision for school places in the area. We would therefore welcome your feedback during this formal consultation phase.

We appreciate that this letter may raise questions for you and in order to address this we are holding two drop-in sessions at Hughenden Primary School on Thursday 9th July. This will provide us with an opportunity to share our ideas with you face to face, hear your views and answer any questions that you may have. The drop-in sessions will take place at the following times - 3:30pm-4:30pm and 6:00pm-8:00pm. They will take place in the school hall. You will be able to put your questions on the proposed expansion of the school and the build project to a range of people including Governors, the Headteacher, Officers from Buckinghamshire County Council and the Architects who are designing the new accommodation.

In addition to the meeting we are also holding a public consultation on the proposals and we would be grateful if you would complete the attached response form and return it by 5pm on Monday 20th July 2015. You can bring the form into school, post it to the County Council at the address shown on the form or email it to hughendenconsult@buckscc.gov.uk.

We look forward to hearing your views and hope that you will respond to the consultation as everyone's views are important.

Yours sincerely

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David Sparks
Chair of Governors



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Consultation response form for proposed expansion and building work at Hughenden Primary School.

I support the proposed expansion of the schools

and the necessary building work

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I do not support the proposed expansion of the schools

and the necessary building work

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Please tick the box that most applies to you. I am a

Parent/carers

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Member of the school staff

☐

Governor

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Member of the local community

☐

Neighbour

☐

Other (please specify)..... ..

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If you wish to make further comments please use the box below. If necessary please continue on a separate sheet.

Name.....

Please return this form by 5pm on Monday 20th July 2015 to the School office, or by email to hughendenconsult@bucksc.gov.uk

Or send it by post to:

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Buckinghamshire County Council
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Thank you for taking the time to respond