

Consultation on the proposal for the expansion of Larkrise Primary School, Oxford

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Larkrise Primary School**



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About Larkrise Primary School

Larkrise Primary School is a primary school for 3-11 year-olds in east Oxford. It became a primary school in 2004, having previously been an infant school.

The current number of children in each year group (September 2009 pupil census) is shown below:

N	R	1	2	3	4	5	6
41	55	60	59	51	42	42	39

*N = Nursery, R = Reception. Together they make the Foundation Stage.
A number of these places will be part time.*

Why are we consulting?

Until now the school has planned to admit 45 children each year. There has been a rapid increase in demand for places at the school in recent years, and for September 2009, 62 parents chose the school as their first preference.

Primary Care Trust records and the annual census of local children in private, voluntary and independent early years settings show that the demand for 60 places per year is likely to continue.

We think that this is a popular school at the heart of its community, which should expand. We want to know your views and whether you are happy to see the school grow.

What we want to do

We are planning to permanently increase the school admission number from 45 to 60. This means that each year group would consist of up to 60 places, taught in two classes.

To accommodate this growth in pupil numbers, there will be some extension of the school's buildings. While these are being planned and constructed there will be a temporary classroom building on the school site.

Your views

Because of the large increase in the proposed size of the school we need to make sure that the proposal is supported locally.

This consultation with parents, local schools and others will take place until Friday 22 January 2010. You have until that date to respond (see details below).

This is an informal consultation, to help inform the plans. If, as a result of the consultation, the county council wants to go ahead with the expansion, we will publish a *public notice* in the Oxford Mail and at the school. There will then be a *statutory notice* period of 4 weeks, during which you can send any formal objections to the proposal to the County Council. These will be considered by the County Council Cabinet before making a final decision. If you wish to object to the expansion, you must do so during the statutory notice period even if you have already responded to this consultation. We currently expect the statutory notice period to be in April/May 2010.

The County Council Cabinet or the Cabinet Member for Schools Improvement will then make the final decision in summer 2010.

How you can respond to this consultation

The information necessary for an informed response is contained in this consultation document, which is also available online at: www.oxfordshire.gov.uk/consultation

You can respond in one of four ways:

- complete the response form at the back of this document and send it to the address shown on the response form
- respond online at www.oxfordshire.gov.uk/consultation - go to the *Consultation portal*
- write a letter and send it to the address shown on the response form
- email your response to larkrise_expansion2009@myconsultations.oxfordshire.gov.uk

Parents are asked to complete only one form, even if you have more than one child at the school. Return your form as soon as possible, but by Friday 22th January 2010 at the latest.

There will be a meeting for parents of children at Larkrise Primary School on Monday 18th January at 6.30pm to discuss the proposal. This will be an opportunity to ask questions of the headteacher and county council staff.

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I/we wish to make the following comments:

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Signature

Name

Address (optional)

Parent Governor Local resident Other (specify)

Tick all that apply

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