

Consultation on the proposal to expand Cutteslowe Primary School, Oxford

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About Cutteslowe Primary School

Cutteslowe Primary School teaches children aged 3-11 in the north of Oxford city. In addition to the school's own Foundation Stage Unit, in 2008 part of the building was converted to become a Children's Centre. This is run separately to the school and is accessed by its own main entrance door.

The total number of children (October 2010 pupil census) is 215, as shown below:

Year Group	Nursery (F2)	Reception (F1)	1	2	3	4	5	6
Pupil Number	26	49	31	30	23	16	26	14

Why are we consulting?

Until recently the school had planned to admit 30 children each year. Due to rising numbers of children needing primary school places in Oxford, the school worked with the county council in meeting the demand and agreed to admit more than its admission number in 2009 and 2010. The school's admission number for 2011 was published at 60, and we now need to decide whether to keep this arrangement permanently, so expanding the school to 2 forms of entry.

In recent years Oxford has experienced a significant and sustained rise in primary pupil numbers. To meet this demand, in 2008 an additional 105 primary school places across the city were agreed; in 2009 a further 245 additional primary school places were created, and in 2010 another 238 additional places were created. Looking to the future, significant additional housing is included in Oxford City Council's Core Strategy, which will, in turn, lead to increased pupil numbers across the city.

The proposal to expand Cutteslowe Primary School is one part of the county council's strategy to meet the need for primary school places in Oxford. Several other schools across Oxford are also planned for expansion over the next few years.

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 30 to 60. This means that each year group would consist of up to 60 places, taught in two classes, making a maximum total of 420 pupils (excluding the nursery).

The current year groups admitted before additional pupil places were provided would be expected to stay as 1 form entry as they move through the school, so the school's total numbers would grow gradually each year as 60 children are admitted to the Reception (F1) class.

If, following this consultation, it is decided to keep the admission number at 60 permanently, there will be a need for more classrooms to be built. A detailed feasibility study has been started to look carefully at the school's site and buildings to see how the new classrooms could best be provided.

Your views

Because of the 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 Wednesday 25 May 2011. You have until that date to respond (see details below).

This consultation is 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 September 2011.

The county council Cabinet (if there have been objections) or the Cabinet Member for Schools Improvement (if there are no objections) will then make the final decision, and this is currently planned to be in late 2011.

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 calendar*
- write a letter and send it to the address shown on the response form
- email your response to Cutteslowe2011-manager@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 Wednesday 25 May 2011 at the latest.

There will be a meeting for parents of children at Cutteslowe Primary School on Wednesday 4 May 2011 at 3.15pm to discuss the proposal. This will be an opportunity to ask questions of the headteacher and county council staff.

Response form

I/we wish to make the following comments:

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Signature.....

Name.....

Address (optional)

Parent of a child at Cutteslowe Primary School

Parent of a child at another school

Parent of a child not yet at school

Governor/staff at Cutteslowe Primary School

Local resident

Other (specify)

(Tick all that apply)

Please return by Wednesday 25 May 2011 to:

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