



OXFORDSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

FULL STATUTORY PROPOSAL

The School Organisation (Prescribed Alterations to Maintained Schools)
(England) Regulations 2013

Expansion of St Andrew's Church of England Primary School

1. School and LA details

School: St Andrew's Church of England Primary School
Station Road
Chinnor
Oxfordshire
OX39 4PU

LA: Oxfordshire County Council

2. Description of alteration and evidence of demand

Description:

Oxfordshire County Council, working with the leadership team of the school, proposes to increase St Andrew's published admission number in September 2019 from 45 to 60 on a permanent basis. This means that each year group that starts at the school from September 2019 onward would consist of up to 60 places, making a maximum total of 420 pupils in Reception to Year 6 across the whole school eventually.

The school's total numbers would grow gradually each year as 60 children are admitted into the Reception classes, allowing the school to adjust to the larger size. Should there be a demand for places in older year groups as a result of children moving into the village and needing school places, the school will review whether it is able to expand the older year groups too.

Additional accommodation will be provided to support the school's growing numbers.

Evidence of demand:

At the time of writing, 712 new homes have gained planning permission in the Chinnor area since 2012, with more applied for and awaiting a planning decision.

The Governing Body of St Andrew's Church of England Primary School wants to be able to meet the needs of the local community, and in September 2016 it agreed to admit above its admission number of 45, welcoming in 50 children to Reception classes (as recorded on the October pupil census), to meet high local demand. This was enabled by a first phase of capital works to the school buildings, part funded by s106 housing developer contributions.

A decision now needs to be taken as to whether to permanently expand the school to an annual intake of 60. The latest pupil forecasts indicate that St Andrew's Primary School will exceed its current capacity of 315 places by 2020, with intakes continuing to grow beyond that date. Pupil numbers are also forecast to grow gradually at Chinnor's other primary school, Mill Lane Primary School, so that will not have spare capacity to meet the needs of Chinnor's planned housing growth.

St Andrews CE Primary School	R	Yr1	Yr2	Yr3	Yr4	Yr5	Yr6	Total
2016 actual	49	44	39	31	44	38	51	296
2017 forecast	43	50	45	39	31	44	38	290
2018 forecast	46	44	50	45	40	32	45	302
2019 forecast	42	48	46	51	46	41	33	307
2020 forecast	45	43	49	46	52	47	42	324
2021 forecast	46	45	44	49	47	53	47	331
2022 forecast	47	47	46	44	49	47	53	333
2023 forecast	50	48	47	46	45	50	47	333
2024 forecast	52	50	48	47	47	45	50	339

Expansion of school capacity in Chinnor is needed to meet the forecast demands of the growing population in the area, and to allow for population fluctuations and movement into the area by new families, including into new homes planned to be built around the village.

To enable the county council to meet its statutory duty to ensure sufficient pupil places for the growing population in Chinnor, a permanent expansion of St Andrew's CE Primary School is now sought. If St Andrew's CE Primary School expands to 2 form entry (PAN 60) on a permanent basis, the county council considers there will be sufficient places to meet the scale of currently forecast population growth.

An initial consultation into the expansion of this school was conducted between 8 January and 19 February 2018. Eleven responses were submitted, of which 7 clearly supported the expansion, 2 objected and 2 raised concerns about specific aspects, without clearly either supporting or objecting to the proposal. The two objections were on the basis that a new school should be built instead, either to replace St Andrew's or as a third school for the village. The expected population growth would not support a third school, and there is not sufficient funding available to rebuild the school, the county council therefore remains of the view that an expansion of St Andrew's CE Primary School is the appropriate solution to providing sufficient school capacity in Chinnor.

3. Objectives (including how the proposal would increase educational standards and parental choice)

- Ensure the county council meets its statutory duty to secure sufficient school places.
- St Andrew's Primary School is rated Outstanding by Ofsted. Its expansion will be supportive of high educational standards and parental choice.
- Maintain parental choice for existing families and those moving into Chinnor.
- Reduction of travel time and costs for families in the area, who would otherwise have to accept places at schools outside Chinnor.

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

The school is expanding in line with growth in the area and will provide places for pupils from new developments that would otherwise be putting pressure on surrounding schools. It is not, therefore, expected to have a negative impact on other schools.

5. Project costs and funding

The school will require a further 2 classrooms and associated infrastructure (small group room, storage, toilets etc.) to be able to operate as a 2 form entry Primary School. The detailed design of the new accommodation is in the process of being finalised prior to a planning application being submitted.

The cost of providing the additional accommodation will be met from funding the Council secures from housing developers to mitigate the impact of their development on the need for school places in the local area.

6. Implementation and any proposed stages for implementation

From 1st September 2019, the school will increase its intake into the Reception class from 45 to 60. It may choose to also admit into older year groups, if local population growth requires this.

7. Objections and comments

Comments or objections must be received by the local authority by **30/03/2018**

Respond using the online questionnaire at www.oxfordshire.gov.uk/consultations

or by emailing lucy.mills@oxfordshire.gov.uk (*please quote 'St Andrew's expansion' in the header*)

or in writing to Lucy Mills, School Organisation & Planning, Oxfordshire County Council, County Hall, Oxford OX1 1ND

8. Decision-making

The decision-maker for this proposed expansion is Oxfordshire County Council. The decision will be made by the Cabinet Member for Public Health & Education at a meeting which is open to the public, and publicised on the county council's website. The decision must be made within a period of two months of the end of this representation period.