

# **Consultation on the proposal for the expansion of Wood Farm Primary School, Oxford**

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Wood Farm Primary School**



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Wood Farm Primary School shares its site on the Wood Farm estate in Headington with the Slade Nursery School.

The number of children in each year group at the last pupil census (May 2009) is shown below:

R	1	2	3	4	5	6	Total
<b>44</b>	<b>44</b>	<b>37</b>	<b>42</b>	<b>42</b>	<b>37</b>	<b>43</b>	<b>289</b>

*R = Reception.*

**Why are we consulting?**

Until now the school has planned to admit 40 children each year. Due to rising numbers across Oxford City, 45 children were admitted to the school for September 2009. In the May pupil census, five of the seven year groups had more than 40 children.

Primary Care Trust records and the annual census of local children in early years settings show that the demand for primary school places in Oxford is rising, and schools in this area will not have enough room in future years.

Wood Farm Primary School/Slade Nursery School will be one of the first two schools in Oxfordshire to be rebuilt as part of the government-funded Primary Capital Programme. We want to take this opportunity to not only rebuild Wood Farm Primary School, but also expand it to help meet the growing demand for school places in Oxford.

**We think that this is an improving 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 40 to 60. This means that each year group would consist of up to 60 places, with 2 classes per year group. Classes will have up to 30 children.

To accommodate this growth in pupil numbers, Wood Farm Primary School will be rebuilt with 12 classrooms for Key Stage 1 and 2 pupils, as well as Foundation Stage rooms. The Slade Nursery School will also be rebuilt.

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#### **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 Thursday 22 October 2009. You have until that date to respond (see details below).**

If as a result of the consultation the county council wants to go ahead, we will publish a public notice in a local newspaper and at the school. This would be the final opportunity for people to comment on the proposal. The County Council Cabinet or the Cabinet Member for Schools Improvement will then make the final decision in spring 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](http://www.oxfordshire.gov.uk/consultation)

You can respond in one of three ways:

- complete the response form at the back of this document and send it to the address shown on the response form
- write a letter and send it to the address shown on the response form
- email your response to the email address shown on the response form.

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 **Thursday 22 October 2009** at the latest.

There will be a meeting for parents of children at Wood Farm Primary School on Monday 19 October at 5.00pm to discuss the proposal and the plans for rebuilding the school. 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 .....

Parent     Governor     Local resident     Other (specify) .....

*Tick all that apply*

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