



## Education and Care Services

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Our Reference: ECS/MB/KG

Parents/Carers, Staff and Governors  
of Churchfields Primary School

11 June 2012

Dear Parent/Carer, Member of Staff and School Governor

### **Consultation: Proposal to Permanently Expand Churchfields Primary School from 30 to 60 Pupils at Year Reception from September 2013**

This letter outlines the case for the expansion of Churchfields Primary School and how you can respond to the consultation. **The deadline for responses is Friday, 20 July 2012.** Existing and prospective parents/carers are invited to attend a consultation meeting at the school on **Thursday, 12 July at 7pm**. The meeting is scheduled to last for one hour.

Following consultation in January 2010 on the proposed expansion of four Bromley Primary Schools; Bickley, Churchfields, Princes Plain and Unicorn Primary Schools, the Council took the decision not to permanently expand Churchfields Primary School and to review the decision in Spring 2012. Following this review, the Council has decided to consult on the proposal to increase the admission number for Churchfields Primary School from 30 to 60.

Bromley Council has a duty to ensure that there are sufficient school places available for all children. The Council must also ensure that the size, location, organisation and number of pupil places deliver best value in the use of public funding. The 2012 review of Bromley primary school places identified the need to increase the number of Reception places (i.e. at the age children start school) available to children at a number of schools across the Borough. You can access the relevant Report 'Review of Primary Schools' Development Plan: Outcomes' (reference DCYP12025) on Bromley Council's website ([www.bromley.gov.uk](http://www.bromley.gov.uk)). Alternatively, a hard copy is available to view in the school office.

### **The proposal for Churchfields Primary is to permanently expand the school from 30 to 60 Pupils at Year Reception from September 2013.**

We would welcome your views and comments on our proposal. Please find some statistical information attached at Appendix 1 which you may find helpful in considering Bromley Council's case for increasing places for children at Churchfields Primary School.

The outcomes from consultation will be reported to the Education Policy Development and Scrutiny Committee on 11 September 2012 – this is a public meeting which starts at 7pm. If approved, the increase in school places would be effective from September 2013.

You can respond to this consultation in the following ways:

- Complete the attached form (Appendix 2) and return to Bromley Council (quoting Freepost MB1140)
- Write directly to Kevin Gerred at Bromley Council, BR1 3UH (quoting Freepost MB1140)
- Email Bromley Council at: [churchfields.consultation@bromley.gov.uk](mailto:churchfields.consultation@bromley.gov.uk)
- Online: complete the feedback form on Bromley Council's website [www.bromley.gov.uk](http://www.bromley.gov.uk), search on: Consultation-proposal to expand Churchfields Primary School

When responding please give your name and address and clarify whether you are a parent/carer, member of staff or School Governor – this will help with the analysis of responses.

A telephone helpline has been set up on 020 8313 4088 and is staffed between 8:30am and 5:30pm, Monday to Friday. Telephone the helpline if you require large print, audio or Braille versions of this letter, or you require language translation services.

While all responses will be acknowledged, it will not be possible for us to enter into correspondence with individual respondents. However, Bromley Council's website will be updated with information as the consultation progresses.

Views and comments received will be summarised in the consultation outcomes report to the Education Policy Development and Scrutiny Committee on 11 September 2012. This will be available to view on the Council's website a week before the meeting. Information provided in response to this consultation will be published in accordance with access to information regimes including the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

We look forward to receiving your views and comments. The closing date for receipt of responses is **Friday, 20 July 2012**.

Yours sincerely

Mike Barnes  
Deputy Assistant Director (Education)  
Education and Care Services

## PLANNING AREA 1 – CHURCHFIELDS PRIMARY SCHOOL

**Proposal:** Expand the school from 1-Form of Entry (30 pupils) to 2-Forms of Entry (60 pupils) at Year Reception from September 2011.

**Profile:** For the purpose of planning pupil places, Bromley Borough is divided into nine Strategic Planning Areas – Alexandra Infant, Alexandra Junior, Balgowan Primary, Churchfields Primary, James Dixon Primary, Malcolm Primary, Royston Primary, St Anthony's RC Primary, St John's CE Primary and Stewart Fleming Primary Schools are all located in Planning Area 1.

**Wards:** Crystal Palace, Penge and Cator, Clock House.

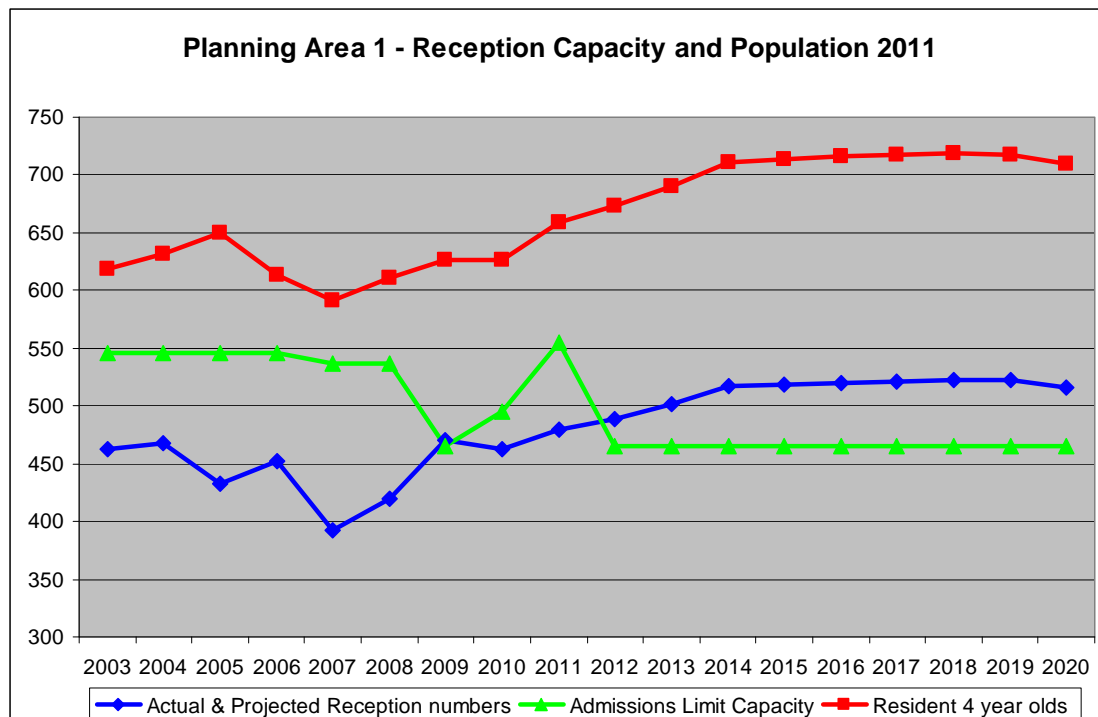
**Analysis:** This continues to be a volatile area in pupil place planning terms. The numbers of 4 year olds in this area remains above that of the total admissions numbers for the schools. The analysis indicates a history of migration to schools in the neighbouring Planning Area 2 and a high percentage take up of primary places in two of the authorities which border this area, ie Croydon and Lewisham. This area is currently showing a projected shortfall of places of approximately two forms of entry. To meet the demand for additional places Churchfields Primary School accepted an additional 30 pupils for the 2010-11 and 2011-12 Reception admission rounds and Malcolm and Royston Primary Schools each accepted an additional 30 reception pupils in 2011-12. The current shortfall of places could increase if fewer places are available out-of-borough and if parents are unable to secure places in Planning Area 2.

### Planning Area 1

Year	Actual & Projected Reception numbers	Admissions Limit Capacity	Resident 4 year olds
2003	463	546	619
2004	468	546	632
2005	433	546	650
2006	452	546	613
2007	392	537	591
2008	420	537	611
2009	471	465	626
2010	462	495	627
2011	479	555	659
2012	489	465	673
2013	502	465	691
2014	517	465	711
2015	519	465	714
2016	520	465	716
2017	521	465	717
2018	522	465	718
2019	522	465	718
2020	516	465	710

## Planning Area 1

Year	Percentage take up	Difference in numbers
2003	74.8%	156
2004	74.1%	164
2005	66.6%	217
2006	73.7%	161
2007	66.4%	199
2008	68.8%	191
2009	75.2%	155
2010	73.7%	165
2011	72.6%	180
2012	72.7%	184
2013	72.7%	189
2014	72.7%	194
2015	72.7%	195
2016	72.6%	196
2017	72.6%	196
2018	72.7%	196
2019	72.7%	196
2020	72.7%	194



### Key:

**Projected Pupil Numbers:** The number of pupils projected to enter Reception classes in Planning Area 1 schools.

**Admissions Limit Capacity:** The number of pupils that can be accommodated within Planning Area 1 Reception classes.

**Resident Four Year Olds:** The number of four year olds projected to be living in Planning Area 1.



Response to Bromley Council's proposed expansion of Churchfields Primary School

**The deadline for responses is Friday, 20 July 2012.**

To: Kevin Gerred  
Education and Care Services (3<sup>rd</sup> Floor Stockwell)  
**FREEPOST MB1140**  
London Borough of Bromley  
Civic Centre  
Stockwell Close  
Bromley BR1 3UH

**Do you agree with the proposed permanent expansion of Churchfields Primary School from 30 to 60 pupils at Year Reception from September 2013?**

YES                       NO                       DON'T KNOW/UNDECIDED

Please make any comments here (continue on a separate sheet if necessary):

To help us in the analysis of this feedback please tick which category applies to you:

Churchfields Parent/Carer                       Churchfields School's Staff                       Churchfields School Governor  
 Prospective Parent                       Other \_\_\_\_\_ (please specify)

Name:

Address:

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