

Proposal to significantly enlarge Christ Church CE JMI School, Fibbersley Park Primary School and King Charles Primary from 1 September 2015

This proposal provides relevant information in accordance with the *School Organisation (Prescribed Alterations to Maintained Schools) (England) Regulations 2013*.

School Details:

Christ Church CE JMI School	Fibbersley Park Primary School	King Charles Primary School
Harden Road	Noose Lane	Wilkes Avenue
Leamore	Willenhall	Bentley
Walsall	WV13 3BB	Walsall
WS1 1TP		WS2 0JN

Local Authority Details:

Walsall Council
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Description of the proposal:

Walsall Council, acting as Local Authority, has a statutory duty to ensure that there are sufficient school places available in the local area. Each year Walsall Council uses birth data, information about planned housing developments and information about cross border migration to project the number of school places that will be needed in the future. In order to ensure that additional places are made available in the areas where they will be needed the Council organises its primary schools into 11 Primary Planning Areas. Additional places are needed from 1 September 2015 in Primary Planning Area 1, Primary Planning Area 2 and Primary Planning Area 4 in order to meet an increasing demand for primary school places in the local area. Walsall Council is proposing to expand King Charles Primary School (Primary Planning Area 1), Fibbersley Park Primary School (Primary Planning Area 2) and Christ Church CE Primary School (Primary Planning Area 4) from 1 September 2014 in order to meet the increased demand for primary places in each area.

The table below shows the number of places which are currently available in Reception across all the schools in the three planning areas affected by the proposal, the actual number of pupils who were admitted to schools in the planning areas in September 2013 and the number of children who are projected to be admitted in the next three years:

Planning Area	Total places available in Reception	Actual number on roll at the time of the October 2013 Census	2014/15 Projected Reception admissions	2015/16 Projected Reception admissions	2016/17 Projected Reception admissions
Planning Area 1	435	423	405	467	487
Planning Area 2	450	446	443	480	431

Planning Area 4	330	317	332	357	347
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King Charles Primary School (Planning Area 1)

King Charles Primary School Provides primary education for pupils between the ages of 3 and 11 years. In September 2011 the admission number for the school was increased from 30 to 45 and this revised number is still working its way through the school. Currently the school admits up to 45 pupils into Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 and up to 30 pupils into Years 3, 4, 5 and 6. The school currently has places for a total of 255 pupils (excluding the nursery class). In addition, there are 52 part-time places in the nursery class. The school is a community primary school in Walsall which, along with Bentley West Primary School forms the Bentley Federation. King Charles Primary is a popular school which was over subscribed in the 2014 primary admissions round.

It is proposed to increase the number of places in the Reception year group, from 45 to 60 from 1 September 2015. The increased admission number and school intake would then move up through the school annually, until the 60 intake applied to all year groups. The school would become a 2 FE (Forms of Entry) school; currently it is 1.5 FE.

Fibbersley Park Primary School (Primary Planning Area 2)

Fibbersley Park Primary School provides primary education for pupils between the ages of 3 and 11 years. Currently, the school admits up to 60 pupils into Reception each year. The school currently has places for a total of 420 pupils (excluding the nursery class). In addition, there are 52 part-time places in the nursery class. The school is a community primary school in Walsall. Fibbersley Park Primary School is a popular school which was heavily oversubscribed in the 2014 primary admissions round, the school was rated as outstanding following its most recent Ofsted inspection which took place in September 2012.

It is proposed to increase the number of places in the Reception year group from 60 to 90 from 1 September 2015. The increased admission number and school intake would then move up through the school annually, until the 90 intake applied to all year groups. The school would become a 3 FE (forms of entry) school; currently it is 2 FE.

Christ Church CE JMI School (Primary Planning Area 4)

Christ Church CE JMI School provides primary education for pupils between the ages of 3 and 11 years. Currently, the school admits up to 30 pupils into Reception each year. The school currently has places for a total of 210 pupils (excluding the nursery class). In addition, there are 26 part-time places in the nursery class. The school is a voluntary controlled primary school in Walsall. Christ Church CE JMI School is a popular school which was oversubscribed in the 2014 primary admissions round. In response to the demand for places at the school, the local authority is proposing to admit up to 15 children above the published admission number in September 2014 and has offered places to 15 additional children, taking the number expected to be admitting to reception in September 2014 to 45. The school was rated as good following its most recent Ofsted inspection which took place in April 2013.

It is proposed to increase the number of places in the Reception year group from 30 to 45 from 1 September 2015. The increased admission number and school intake would then move up through

the school annually, until the 45 intake applied to all year groups. The school would become a 1.5 FE (forms of entry) school; currently it is 1 FE.

Effect on other schools in the area:

Additional places are needed at King Charles Primary School, Fibbersley Park Primary School and Christ Church CE JMI School in order to meet an increasing demand for primary school places in Primary Planning Areas 1, 2 and 4. The proposed expansion of these three schools will enable the local authority to meet its statutory duty to ensure that there are sufficient school places available in each of the three planning areas and will not jeopardise the viability of any other mainstream school.

Site Arrangements:

No new or additional sites will be required as necessary building work will be undertaken on the existing sites of all three schools.

Projects Costs and Funding:

The proposed expansions will involve extensions, alternations, remodelling or new buildings on all three school sites. The estimated cost of each of the proposed expansions is as follows:

- King Charles Primary School: the estimated value of works is £1,500,000 and estimated value of fees and development costs is £300,000.
- Fibbersley Park Primary School: the estimated value of works is £2,000,000 and estimated value of fees and development costs is £400,000.
- Christ Church CE JMI School: the local authority is proposing to admit up to 45 children in September 2014 (admitting up to 15 children above the published admission number for Reception) and some building work is necessary to accommodate these additional children. The estimated value of works is £50,000 and the estimated value of fees/development costs is £7,500. In respect of the proposed permanent enlargement of the school, the estimated value of works is £750,000 and the estimated value of fees and development costs is £150,000.

All funding will be from Basic Need Capital.

Implementation:

The proposal would be implemented from 1 September 2015.

Details of how to respond to the proposal:

Within four weeks from the date of publication of this proposal (by Friday 1 August 2014), any person wishing to submit any comments either in support of, or objecting to, the proposal may do so by sending them to:

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