



**Proposal to enlarge
Doxey Primary School**

CONSULTATION
until 5pm on Friday 24th October 2014

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PURPOSE OF THE CONSULTATION

1. Staffordshire County Council is responsible for ensuring that there are sufficient school places in the county. They have been in discussion with the school over the last 12 months as part of an implementation strategy to increase primary school capacity in the North of Stafford.
2. The Governing Body of Doxey Primary School wants to hear the views of local families, local community, school staff, governors and parents and other bodies on a proposal to:
 - enlarge Doxey Primary School to increase Reception places from 30 to 45 by September 2015 and to provide 315 full-time school places.
3. It is important that you make your views known and before making a final decision we are inviting all parents and other interested parties to submit their views by 5pm on *Friday 24th October 2014*.

WHY ARE MORE SCHOOL PLACES NEEDED?

4. The County Council is committed to providing the best possible start for young people, which means ensuring that every child who needs a school place in their area has one available.
5. Like many other towns and cities across the country, the number of children born in Stafford has increased, there have been new homes built and new families have moved into the town.
6. An implementation strategy to increase the primary school capacity in the north of Stafford is in response to an increase in births, and new housing which is expected in the area. As the number of children is increasing the number of primary school places must be increased.
7. In recent years 150 new houses have been built on the site adjacent to the Universal Works. This development falls within the catchment area of Doxey Primary School and the catchment numbers are expected to increase due to the development.
8. A further development has since been approved for 80 new homes on the former Castle Works site.
9. The Borough Council are currently considering a further planning application in the School catchment area for 170 homes on land adjacent to The Drive and Doxey Road.
10. These developments totalling 400 new homes are projected to generate around 85 primary school children. To provide more school places, the enlargement would mean that up to 15 more Reception places would be available for children starting full-time education at Doxey and the capacity of the school would be increased from 210 to 315 places, an increase of 105.

DOXEY PRIMARY SCHOOL

11. Doxey is a popular primary school to the West of Stafford. It was inspected by OFSTED in April 2013 and assessed as a “good” school.
12. The Published Admission Number (or PAN) is the number of Reception places offered to children starting their full-time education. Doxey School has a Published Admission Number of 30.
13. The Governing Body are committed to providing a place for all pupils in the Doxey area who wish to attend the school and to enable this to happen have proposed increasing the school’s PAN so that up to 45 children can be admitted into Reception by September 2015.
14. The proposed change would provide more places for local children and result in improvements to the school environment. Additional classrooms and outdoor play space will be provided and the additional number of pupils will also generate additional funding to enable the appointment of more teachers and teaching assistants.
15. This proposal includes the provision of additional land adjacent to the school site, previously owned by Stafford Borough Council. The acquisition of this land enables the school to replace lost hard play area as a consequence of the building extension.
16. This piece of land has previously been subject to anti social behaviour and the transfer of the land to the school will alleviate this in the future.

HOW WOULD THE SCHOOL BE IMPROVED?

17. A scheme has been agreed with the school to include:
 - a purpose-built reception class base;
 - three new-build class bases;
 - the re-provision of intervention rooms and staff toilets lost as a consequence of additional class bases;
 - additional pupil toilets;
 - development of existing Nursery external play space;
 - additional tar paved area.
18. The work will be fully funded by developer contributions from new housing and Staffordshire County Council who will seek planning permission for the building project.
19. The work would start on the school late Autumn 2014 and should take around 40 weeks to complete. The County Council, school, and contractors would work together to minimise any disruption, such as completing some works during the school holidays.

HOW WILL IT AFFECT THE CHILDREN IN SCHOOL?

20. Pupils currently at the school would not be affected and would stay until they move to secondary school. The proposed changes would be implemented gradually for children starting at the school in the future.
21. As the Doxey Road housing development has already been completed and the development on the former Castle Works site is anticipated to commence soon this proposal would increase the places at the school from September 2015.
22. There will be no substantial changes to the way in which children are taught as a result of these changes. Pupils will continue to be taught in mixed ability classes by fully qualified and highly motivated teachers assisted by our extremely capable teaching assistants. All pupils will be allocated to a named teacher, but as at present may be taught in separate groups for specific areas of the curriculum.
23. Once the intake of new pupils is complete (by 2021 when the next years reception pupils are in year 6), it is likely that pupils in Key Stage 1 (Years 1 & 2) will be taught across three classes, as will years 3 & 4 and Years 5 & 6 in Key Stage 2
24. The only change in 2015 will be that the reception class will comprise 45 pupils allocated between two teachers.

HOW DO I MAKE MY VIEWS KNOWN TO THE GOVERNING BODY?

25. Please send the school your views by 5pm on Friday 24th October 2014.

- **Email** your views to office@doxeyprimary.co.uk
- **Write** to Doxey Consultation, Doxey Primary School and Nursery, Doxey Road, Stafford, ST16 1EG
- **Attend** the public consultation meeting at Doxey School

26. The public consultation meeting on this proposal will be held at Doxey Primary School on Wednesday 15th October at 6 pm. This will be an opportunity for parents to seek clarification on any aspect of the proposal and to make their views known.
27. All the views received will be presented in a report for consideration by the Governing Body.