



St. Helens Council

To: All Parents/Carers of Pupils at Bleak Hill Primary School

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Dear Parent/Carer

Consultation on the Permanent Expansion of Bleak Hill Primary School

St Helens Council has a statutory duty to provide sufficient school places. The Council's latest pupil place projections show there is a growing demand for primary school places in the Eccleston and Windle area with a predicted shortfall from September 2019 onwards. As a result, the Council is proposing to permanently expand Bleak Hill Primary School from two forms of entry (60 pupils admitted each year) to three forms of entry (90 pupils admitted each year).

The expansion is proposed to commence in September 2019 with 75 pupils to be admitted into Reception Year then 90 pupils each Reception Year from September 2020 onwards. The Council is currently consulting on its proposal and would like to provide parents and local residents with an opportunity to discuss this with officers at the following drop-in events:

Drop-in 1: Monday 15th October, 2018 Time: 3.30PM – 6.30PM

Drop-in 2: Wednesday 17th October, 2018 Time: 6.00PM – 8.00PM

Location: Bleak Hill Primary School – please come to main reception

If you are unable to attend any of the above events but want to learn more about the proposal you can view the details online at www.sthelens.gov.uk/schools-education/pupil-place-planning. If you have any comments on the proposal please respond to me at above address by the 12 November 2018.

The Council believes that the proposed expansion will ensure good educational standards are maintained in the Eccleston and Windle area. Bleak Hill Primary is an 'outstanding' Ofsted rated school with strong leadership, management, governance and quality teaching. The School has demonstrated it can effectively manage additional pupils with the 2011 and 2016 'bulge year' intakes.

The Council would like to assure parents that should the expansion be approved it will work closely with the School in order to minimise the disruption caused during construction and ensure Bleak Hill Primary can continue to provide the best possible education for children in the local community.

Yours sincerely

Trish Barton
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