



School Organisation Proposals

Prescribed Alterations to 2 Community

Primary Schools

Blossomfield Infant School
Greswold Primary School

PROPOSALS FOR PRESCRIBED ALTERATIONS OTHER THAN FOUNDATION PROPOSALS:

In respect of an LEA Proposal: School and local education authority details

1. The name, address and category of the school.

Solihull Metropolitan Borough Council, Children's Services and Skills, Council House, Manor Square, Solihull, West Midlands. B91 3QB

School	Address	Type of School
Blossomfield Infant School	Eastcote Close, Shirley Solihull. B90 3QX	Community
Greswold Primary School	Buryfield Road, Solihull B91 2AZ	Community

Implementation and any proposed stages for implementation

2. The date on which the proposals are planned to be implemented, and if they are to be implemented in stages, a description of what is planned for each stage, and the number of stages intended and the dates of each stage.

1st September 2016

Objections and comments

3. A statement explaining the procedure for making representations.

Within four weeks from the date of publication of these proposals, any person may object to or make comments on any or all of the proposals by emailing the School Place Planning Team at researchandpolicy@solihull.gov.uk

or, by writing to School Place Planning Team, Children's Services and Skills, Council House, Manor Square, Solihull, West Midlands. B91 3QB

The last date for comments is **13 November 2015**. Full details on the proposals, including copies of the public notice can be found at www.solihull.gov.uk/consultation

Alteration description

4. A description of the proposed alteration and in the case of special school proposals, a description of the current special needs provision.

The proposed changes are an expansion of both Blossomfield Infant School and Greswold Primary School by enlargement.

Blossomfield Infant School is currently a two form entry (60 places per year) school. The School has taken an additional class this year September 2015. The proposal is to expand the school permanently by 30 places per year. The school will increase their intake permanently to 90 pupils per year with effect from 1 September 2016.

Greswold Primary School is currently a two form entry (60 places per year) school. The school has taken an additional class this year September 2015. The proposal is to expand the school permanently by 30 places per year. The school will increase their intake permanently to 90 pupils per year with effect from 1 September 2016.

Expansion to the buildings for both schools is proposed.

School capacity

5.(a) Details of the current capacity of the school and, where the proposals will alter the capacity of the school, the proposed capacity of the school after the alteration;

School	Current Net Capacity	Proposed Net Capacity
Blossomfield Infant School	210	270
Greswold Primary School	450	630

Both schools have taken an additional 30 pupils in September 2015 within their existing accommodation. In addition both schools will have capacity for up to 80 part-time nursery pupils.

(b) Details of the current number of pupils admitted to the school in each relevant age group, and where this number is to change, the proposed number of pupils to be admitted in each relevant age group in the first school year in which the proposals will have been implemented;

School	Year Group	R	1	2	3	4	5	6	Total
Blossomfield Infant School	Pupils on roll at September 2015	90	60	60					210
	Proposed Places September 2016	90	90	90					270
Greswold Primary School	Pupils on roll at September 2015	90	60	60	60	60	60	62	452
	Proposed Places September 2016	90	90	90	90	90	90	90	630

The growth of each school will be gradual with an additional class being admitted at Reception each year until the school reaches its capacity. In addition each school will be able to admit up to 80 part-time nursery pupils per year.

- (c) where it is intended that proposals should be implemented in stages, the number of pupils to be admitted to the school in the first school year in which each stage will have been implemented;

Both schools have taken a temporary class of 30 in September 2015
These proposals are for permanent expansions at both schools by 30 per year from September 2016.

- (d) where the number of pupils in any relevant age group is lower than the indicated admission number for that relevant age group a statement to this effect and details of the indicated admission number in question.

Not Applicable

- (2) A statement of the number of pupils at the school at the time of the publication of the proposals.

At the time of publication, the total number of pupils on roll are:-
Blossomfield Infant School: **210** plus 55 part-time nursery pupils
Greswold Primary School: **452** plus 60 part-time nursery pupils

Implementation

6. Where the proposals relate to a foundation or voluntary controlled school a statement as to whether the proposals are to be implemented by the local education authority or by the governing body, and, if the proposals are to be implemented by both, a statement as to the extent to which they are to be implemented by each body.

These proposals relate to community schools.

7.Additional Site

No additional site is required for either of these proposals.

8.Changes in boarding arrangements

These proposals do not make any changes to boarding arrangements.

9.Transfer to new site

These proposals do not require either school to transfer to a new site.

10. Objectives

The objectives of these proposals are:

We are proposing to expand Blossomfield Infant School so that the school will be able to admit 90 pupils each year across Reception to Year 2 plus up to 80 part-time nursery pupils rather than the current 60. The growth of the school will be gradual. We have been able to admit an additional 30 pupils in Reception in September 2015. This class has been accommodated within existing school buildings.

We are proposing to expand Greswold Primary School so that the school will be able to admit 90 pupils each year across Reception to Year 6 plus up to 80 part-time nursery pupils rather than the current 60. The growth of the school will be gradual. We have been able to admit an additional 30 pupils in Reception in September 2015. This class has been accommodated within existing school buildings.

11.Consultation

All requirements in relation to the proposals to consult have been complied with. All interested parties have been consulted and their views considered by the Cabinet Portfolio Holder for Education, Skills & Culture before this statutory proposal was published. The full report outlining the pre statutory consultation process that has been undertaken can be found on the website at www.solihull.gov.uk/consultation

12.Project costs

A statement of the estimated total capital cost of the proposals and the breakdown of the costs that are to be met by the governing body, the local education authority, and any other party.

The established budgetary provision for the progression of these proposals is contained within the Solihull Schools Asset Management Plan 2015 and will be met by the Council.

Provisional budgets based upon feasibility schemes for both schools are:

Children's Services Capital Programme	(£m)
Blossomfield Infant School	1.500
Greswold Primary School	2.250
Total Funding	3.750

13. A copy of confirmation from the Secretary of State, local education authority and the Learning and Skills Council for England (as the case may be) that funds will be made available (including costs to cover any necessary site purchase).

All costs outlined in 12 above will be met by Solihull Metropolitan Borough Council through their Basic Need Funding allocation.

14. Age Range

No change is proposed to the age range of the two schools as part of these proposals.

15. Early Years Provision

No change is proposed to the lower age limit of the schools.

16. Changes to Sixth Form Provision

Both of these schools are primary schools so no change is proposed to sixth form provision.

17. Special educational needs

No changes are proposed to provision for special educational needs.

18. Sex of Pupils

No change is proposed.

19. Extended Services

These proposals do not change the extended services currently being offered by the schools.

20. Need or demand for additional places

If the proposals involve adding places—

- (a) a statement and supporting evidence of the need or demand for the particular places in the area;

Solihull Council has a statutory duty to provide sufficient school places for its local authority area. The Solihull School Organisation Plan has identified the need for approximately 1700 additional primary school places over the next five years, due to increases in the birth rate and significant housing development identified in the Council's Local Development Plan.

The School Organisation Plan outlines in detail the pupil forecasts and identifies the planning areas in which additional places are required. For September 2015 the plan identifies a shortfall in places in the Shirley East Planning area and Solihull Central Planning area. The School Organisation Plan can be accessed at www.solihull.gov.uk/consultation

Blossomfield Infant School is located within the Shirley East Planning area. For September 2015 the school has admitted an additional reception class increasing their intake from 60 to 90 to meet the increasing demand from children living in the catchment area and the planning area. This proposal is for a permanent expansion at the School from September 2016.

Greswold Primary School is located within the Solihull Central Planning area. For September 2015 the school has admitted an additional reception class increasing their intake from 60 to 90 to meet increasing demand from the catchment area and the planning area. In addition significant housing is planned for Solihull Town Centre, which will impact further on demand for places at Greswold Primary School.