# Consultation on the possible expansion of Pupil Places and provision of Early Years Places at Heymann Primary School in West Bridgford

## Introduction

We are seeking the views and comments from interested parties about developments that are proposed to take place at Heymann Primary School over the next year or so.

There are two proposals for you to consider:-

- 1. The proposal to provide a further 210 permanent pupil places for the school in newly built premises on an adjoining site. This is part of a wider Nottinghamshire County Council remit to provide much needed additional school places in the West Bridgford community.
- 2. The proposal to provide 39 early years education places at the school for children aged 3 and 4 years old. It is Government policy that early years education places can be delivered through Local Authority maintained schools and providers in the private, independent and voluntary sectors.

## **Background Information**

Following several discussions over recent months with schools in the West Bridgford area, a report about the local situation concerning school place provision was considered by the County Council's Cabinet on 14 March 2012.

This report demonstrated that there is a very high demand for the number of permanent school places in the West Bridgford community to be increased at the earliest opportunity. It also explained the need to explore where

possible, the future replacement of temporary mobile classrooms with permanent teaching accommodation. For more detailed information about the report's content, you can view a copy of it on the County Council's website at www.nottinghamshire.gov.uk.

One of the report's recommendations gave permission to consult with Heymann Primary school's staff, governors, pupils, parent/carers and other interested parties about the proposed developments at the school.

Particularly in respect of providing early years education places for 3 and 4 year olds at their school, the following important issues were taken into account by the governors of Heymann Primary:

- the number of children likely to benefit from the proposal
- the likely effects on the school's teaching and support staff
- capacity of the school to meet the needs of 3 and 4 year olds
- funding for the early years provision
- availability of early years provision for children in the West Bridgford community

## **Statutory Process**

In order for the County Council to progress with their proposals, it is a legal requirement to publish a 'statutory notice' to significantly expand the physical capacity of the school and also to alter the lower age range limit of the school from 5-11 to 3-11 years. This is part of the process that gives formal notice of the proposals to those at the school and others in

the immediate area. Prior to the notice being published however, the County Council is also required to consult with local people so that they can give their views. If you have any views or comments on the proposals mentioned in this leaflet, there are a number of ways you can have your say. Please let us have your response by **Friday 1 June 2012**.

The responses collected will help to make a recommendation to the County Council about whether to publish a statutory notice.

If the County Council agrees to the publication of the notice, there will be a further six week period during which formal comments or objections can be made about the proposals.

The outcome of representations made in writing to the notice will then be considered by the County Council as part of its statutory duties before making a final decision on whether or not the proposals can be implemented.

Depending on the outcome of the decision making process, it is proposed to have the new additional pupil and early years places available from **September 2013**.

This consultation closes on Friday 1 June 2012.

#### **HAVE YOUR SAY**

Your views about this proposal are important.

You can make your views known by:-

attending the meeting to be held at Heymann Primary School on Wednesday 9 May 2012 commencing at 5.00 pm

completing the attached Response Form and handing it in to Lynda Noble, Headteacher of Heymann Primary School Waddington Drive, West Bridgford, NG2 7GX

**OR** send responses to:

### By post:

CFCS Strategic Place Planning and School Admissions (Ref ABZ) Children, Families and Cultural Services, County Hall, West Bridgford, Nottingham NG2 7QP

### By email:

statutory-school.proposals@nottscc.gov.uk

Response Forms are also available and can be completed on line at the County Council website:

www.nottinghamshire.gov.uk

All responses should be returned no later than Friday 1 June 2012

If you wish to speak to a representative of the County Council's Customer Services Centre about this proposal or to discuss any specific communication needs please contact:

08449 808080 (Please select option 4)

(Minicom 01623 434993)

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Response form:	
PROPOSAL 1 - Proposed expansion of Heymann Primary School	
Do you agree with the proposal to provide a further 210 permanent pupil places in newly built premises on an adjoining site of Heymann Primary School?	
(Please tick box only)	
Yes □ No □ Don't Know □	
It would be helpful if you could provide reasons for your views below:	
PROPOSAL 2 - Proposed provision of Early Years Education Places at Heymann Primary School	
Do you agree with the proposal that Early Years Education Places should be provided at Heymann Primary School?	
(Please tick box only)	
Yes □ No □ Don't Know □	
It would be helpful if you could provide reasons for your views below:	

Please see further information overleaf

It will help us to analyse responses if we know more about you.

Please complete the following details: (Please tick all boxes that apply)

I am a:

Parent / Carer	Which school does your child attend?
Governor	At which school?
Member of Staff	At which school?
Pupil	At which school?
Other	Please specify

The County Council wants to ensure that the views of people with protected characteristics
are taken into account. If you have any specific concerns relating to age, gender, disability,
ethnicity, sexual orientation, religion or belief, please detail below:

Thank you for your response.

Your name (please print):

Your address

Please return this form to Toni Brzeskiewicz, Strategic Place Planning and School Admissions, Children, Families and Cultural Services, County Hall, West Bridgford, Nottingham NG2 7QP **OR** to Lynda Noble, Headteacher of Heymann Primary School, to be received no later than **Friday 1 June 2012**.