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Ms Ann Blair



Dear Ann

Thank you very much for attending and submitting your question at Scrutiny and Policy Development Committee on 9 March.

I can confirm that as Cabinet Member responsible for Children Young People and Families, I have had a detailed conversation with the Head and Chair of Governors of Clifford Infant School about their proposal. The document you highlighted at the meeting was presented to me at a meeting during the autumn consultation and I had the opportunity to look through it in detail before any decisions were taken at Cabinet in February.

Thank you for bringing it to my attention again.

All good wishes

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Ms Marina Cerialdi

Dear Marina

Thank you for submitting your petition at Cabinet on 9 March objecting to the creation of a new through primary school on Ecclesall Infant School playground.

I do understand that there is a level of concern amongst the local residents about the prospect of increasing the size of Ecclesall Infant School. This came through clearly in autumn consultation in response to our proposal to increase the number of places offered at the Infant school. A number of residents attended one of our public workshops and helped to clarify these concerns very clearly. I am sorry if you felt the consultation did not alert enough local people, but I did get the feedback about your concerns very clearly.

We will ensure that when we come out to consultation in the Summer Term about the proposed enlargement we will make sure that local residents are alerted so that they can contribute their views. The consultation will need to be four weeks long because that is the legal requirement and the timing will allow for a decision by Cabinet in July. Please also note that if the proposal is approved, the plans for development of the buildings will be subject to planning permission and you will be able to have your say as part of that process too.

All good wishes

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Ms Fiona Greensit



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Dear Fiona

Thank you very much for attending and submitting your question at Scrutiny and Policy Development Committee on 9 March. There are four points to your question which I will answer in turn:

1. On the issue of Clifford's option of expanding on Psalter Lane, there were two proposals put forward to create through schools. Unfortunately the Council could not support both of them. The Council has decided to create the through school to match the expansion of places at Ecclesall Infant School and in so doing to enable 90 children per year to benefit from continuing their primary education within one school setting.
2. We considered all the options for very carefully for making the extra secondary places available in the South West, including the expansion of the existing schools. The reason why it is necessary to commission a new school is that even if it were possible to expand all the local schools, it would simply not be enough places in the longer term for the number of children coming through the primary schools.
3. Ecclesall CE Junior School currently offers 240 places, and there is no change proposed. We are working with the Diocese of Sheffield to look at the implications of enlarging Ecclesall Infant School.
4. As I explained at the meeting, there is no change to the current arrangements that Clifford Infant feeds to Ecclesall CE Junior. The implications of enlarging Ecclesall Infant School will be worked through with the governing bodies prior to consultation in the summer and there will be further details at that point about how the process will be managed.

Thank you again for coming to the meeting.

All good wishes

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Mr Peter Scott
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Dear Peter

Thank you very much for attending and submitting your question at Scrutiny Committee on 9 March.

The main alternative option to adding junior places at Ecclesall Infant school was for Clifford Infant to have a junior phase by expanding in its current location on Psalter Lane. Both of these options were put forward during the consultation and the Council could only support one of them. Cabinet decided to propose consultation on a junior phase at Ecclesall Infant because there was already a need to increase the number of places offered at the Infant school. Ecclesall is where most parents said they wanted additional places in the area to be provided. The enlargement of Ecclesall Infant would mean that all of those children can continue within the same primary school up to Year 6 and benefit from that continuity of education.

We will be coming out to consultation on this proposal in the summer. As has been requested, we will make sure that the local residents are informed and can contribute their views.

All good wishes

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