

Statutory proposals for a prescribed alteration

Name and address of proposer:

The Governing body of Guiseley Infant and Nursery (Community) School, Oxford Rd,
Guiseley, Leeds, West Yorkshire LS20 9DA.

Description of alteration:

The proposal is to permanently raise the upper age limit of the school from 7 to 11 to become a primary school with an admission limit of 60 into reception year from 1 September 2015. The proposed capacity of the school will increase from 270 to 420 pupils.

The additional year groups resulting from the change in age range will be established by pupils completing Year 2 (age seven) on 31st August 2015 staying on roll and progressing through Year 3 to Year 6 at Guiseley Infant and Nursery (Community) School if they wish to do so, before transition to secondary school. Year 3 will be established in September 2015, Year 4 established in 2016, Year 5 established in 2017, and Year 6 established in 2018.

All pupils already on roll at the school on 31st August 2015 will be entitled to stay and progress at the school until transition to secondary school. They will also still have the opportunity to preference a transfer to St Oswald's C of E (VA) Junior School when they reach the end of Year 2 (aged seven). However the intake into year 3 at St Oswalds C of E (Voluntary Aided) Junior School during the transition years of September 2015, 2016 and 2017, will be limited to 60 places and will follow the criteria set out in the schools admissions policy.

All pupils entering Guiseley Infants in Reception Year in September 2015 (age four on 31st August 2015), and each year after, will be entering a primary school and will therefore stay on roll at this school until transition to secondary school.

The current admission number for the school is 90 into Reception Year (aged from four) and the proposed admission number for Reception Year is 60 (aged from four). There will be no other admission points.

No new or additional site is required for this change. The school will expand on its existing site. Some additional building and/or remodeling of existing buildings will be required. This will be phased in agreement with the school, and be subject to the normal planning permission process.

Evidence of demand:

There are currently 150 permanent reception places in the area of Guiseley area and 1050 places in total across all year groups. Local demographics show that the demand for reception places in the area will meet or exceed the number of places available in three of the next four reception intakes. There are 169 in the cohort of children who will be starting school in 2014, 149 in the 2015, 163 in 2016 and 132 in 2017. It is expected that these numbers will increase each year, due to additional housing within this area that is being developed. The establishment of two primary schools, both two forms of entry, from the existing three form entry infant and junior schools would create a further form of entry. Schools in this area have had to take additional children into reception for September 2014, to meet the growing demand for school places.

Objectives:

The objective of the proposal is to create additional capacity to accommodate the increasing demand for primary school places caused by the growing local pre-school population. This proposal would provide the opportunity for parents to preference an additional community primary school or Church of England Primary school within the Guiseley area and would build on the good standards for teaching and learning already in place at these schools and provide local places for local children, without having any negative impacting on other schools within this area.

Implementation and any proposed stages for implementation:

The proposal is to expand Guiseley Infant and Nursery (Community School) from a capacity of 270 pupils to 420 pupils and to raise the upper age limit from 7 to 11 to become a primary school.

The additional year groups resulting from the proposed change will be established by pupils who complete Year 2 (aged seven) on 31 August 2015 staying on roll and progressing through the year groups up to Year 6 (aged up to eleven) at Guiseley Infant and Nursery (Community) if they wish to do so, before transition to secondary school. All year groups will be established in the school by September 2018.

Pupils on roll at the school on 31 August 2015 will be entitled to stay and progress through the school until transition to secondary school. They will also still have the opportunity to preference a year 3 place at St Oswald's C of E (Voluntary Aided) Junior School when they reach the end of Year 2 (aged seven). However the intake into year 3 at St Oswalds C of E (Voluntary Aided) Junior School during the transition years of September 2015, 2016 and 2017, will be limited to 60 places and will follow the criteria set out in the schools admissions policy.

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Project costs:

The final design solution is subject to detailed design and development and it is therefore not yet possible to estimate the cost of delivery. The project would be funded by the local authority.

Objections and comments:

Within four weeks from the date of publication of this proposal, i.e. by 4pm on 23 July 2014, any person may object to or make comments on the proposal by sending them to Richard Turner, Chair of Governors, c/o Capacity Planning and Sufficiency Team, PO Box 837, Leeds City Council, LS1 9PZ, or by email to educ.school.organisation@leeds.gov.uk