

# Statutory proposals for a prescribed alteration

## Name and address of proposer:

The Governing body of St Oswalds Church of England (Voluntary Aided) Junior School, The Green, Leeds, West Yorkshire LS20 9BT

## Description of alteration:

The proposal is to permanently change the lower age limit of the school from 7 to 4 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 360 to 420 pupils.

The additional year groups resulting from the proposed change will be established by pupils (aged four on August 31st 2015) being admitted into Reception in September 2015. All pupils entering Reception Year in September 2015 (aged four on 31 August 2015), and each year thereafter, will be entering a primary school and will stay on roll until transition to secondary school. All Year groups will be established in the school by September 2017.

The school will also offer 60 places in Year 3 in September 2015, 2016 and 2017. This will provide an opportunity for children already on roll at Guiseley Infant and Nursery (Community) School on 31st August 2015 to preference a year 3 place at St Oswald's when they reach the end of Year 2 (aged seven) if they wish to do so, before transition to secondary school. Admission into year 3 during the transition years of September 2015, 2016 and 2017, will follow the criteria set out in the schools admissions policy. Children will also have the opportunity to stay on roll at Guiseley Infant and Nursery (Community) School.

All pupils entering St Oswalds C of E 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 year 3 (from aged seven). The final year that children would be admitted into Year 3 would be 2017. The admission point in Year 3 will therefore cease with effect from 31st August 2018. The proposed permanent admission number into Reception Year (aged from four) is 60. The current capacity of the school is 360 and the proposed capacity will be 420.

The number of pupils on roll at the school at the time of publication was 303.

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:**

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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 full 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 Roy Stevenson, 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](mailto:educ.school.organisation@leeds.gov.uk)