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Subject PROPOSALS TO EXPAND PRIMARY PROVISION IN 17 SCHOOLS IN LEEDS - Comments re Gildersome Primary School

I am writing to confirm my support for the proposal to expand the intake to two reception classes at Gildersome Primary School from September 2011.

I am a parent of children at Gildersome Primary School (and have been since September 2001), and also a current Parent Governor.

Fundamentally I see this proposed change as a restoration of the two-form entry that the school has historically supported. It was only as recently as September 2004 that Gildersome Primary School reduced to a single form entry into Reception in response to the local population driven requirements. The school has successfully supported two form entry historically and I see no reason why this will not be the case from September 2011.

I think it is also worth noting that the planned re-development of Gildersome Primary School represents an excellent opportunity to provide the increased number of primary school places required within a purpose built accommodation. This new development will directly support the creative curriculum currently delivered, and being further developed within the scope of this re-development, at the school to the benefit of an increased intake.

I therefore see Gildersome Primary as the most logical place for expanding primary school places in the village, based upon it's recent history, the size of the current site with scope of expansion and the planned re-development.

I also believe consideration to nursery places in Gildersome needs to be explored in the context of the requirement for additional primary school places. Again the planned re-development could provide an ideal opportunity to provide nursery provision at Gildersome Primary School. This would of course increase the number of nursery places within the village and also provide parents with the option to choose full foundation provision at Gildersome Primary School.

Kind regards

