

Expansion Proposal St Nicholas School

**Consultation Meeting
14 March 2017, 6pm**

INTRODUCTIONS

- Jennifer Wade – Head of School Place Planning, Admissions and Learning Access
- Deborah Johnson – Head of SEN and Specialist Teaching Services
- Ayobunmi Olowolagba – School Places Manager
- Joan D'Souza – Schools Client Officer

PURPOSE OF MEETING

- To explain the updated proposals for school expansion
- To seek views on proposed expansion of the school from September 2018
- To respond to your comments and questions and explain the next steps

The story so far....

- The Council approved the permanent expansion of the school to deliver an additional 56 places (8 per year) from September 2017

Since then.....

- the number of pupils needing places has increased
-further design work done to explore best space for pupils and pick up and drop off solutions

An enhanced proposal

- To deliver:
 - a better and more cost efficient build
 - better transport and parking arrangements and
 - more places for Croydon residents
- We are consulting with you on an proposal to expand school to deliver a further 56 places (8 per year) from September 2018

Opportunities / Benefits

- More children with SEN able to attend a good specialist school
- Fewer children will need to travel out of borough to attend school
- Quality of existing facilities improved
- School able to maintain and attract specialist leadership

Key considerations

- Continuity and improvement of the best education during the build and beyond
- Safety of children and residents
- Traffic and parking
- Mitigating disruption due to building works

Educational arrangements whilst the build is undertaken

- Discussions with the school over the layout of the internal and external spaces
- Local Authority will oversee and address any issues arising from the expansion to ensure that it does not affect the quality of education

Key considerations

- Disruption caused by building works
 - Council is experienced in successfully managing school expansion projects
 - Will ensure that any disruption to the school is minimise or eradicated through careful planning and delivery of the project
 - Off site construction methods, and school holidays to carry out heavy construction works

Transport and parking

- Early discussions with highways about forming an additional entrance for construction traffic and then eventually the lower car park
- Traffic consultants will be commissioned to undertake traffic impact assessment

Next Steps

- The consultation period ends on 29 March 2017
- Your feedback will help to inform the consultation outcomes report
- We will make recommendation to Council's Cabinet to make a decision in May 2017
- Implementation – September 2018 (if approved, subject to planning permission)

For further information

Croydon Council website – St Nicholas School

<https://www.croydon.gov.uk/special-schools/st-nicholas-school>

St Nicholas School website

www.st-nicholas.croydon.sch.uk

Email - school.org@croydon.gov.uk