

6th February 2019

Dear stakeholder,

Consultation on the proposal to make a significant change to Oldfield School

I am writing to you to inform you of a proposal to increase the physical capacity of the school and consequently the admissions number for the school. This proposal is to increase the number of specialist teaching rooms in science and design technology at the school to facilitate an increase in the Published Admissions Number (PAN) for 180 to 224 from September 2020 onwards. If implemented this will lead to an increase in the physical capacity of the school of more than 30 places overall and is considered to be a significant expansion of capacity and therefore a consultation with stakeholders is required.

Oldfield School currently has a PAN of 180 for September 2019 and 2020 but will work to admitting 200 in each of these years as there is very high demand for places at the school. Oldfield School reduced its PAN to 180 in September 2018 from the previous PAN of 224, despite high demand for places, because of insufficient specialist teaching spaces in science and technology. The School is submitting a Condition Improvement Fund expansion application to replace an underused and obsolete gymnasium with a four room teaching block which will provide the additional specialist teaching rooms required to support the increase in the PAN to 224. If successful, the school will consult on increasing the PAN to 224 for September 2020 later in the year.

The local authority (BANES) is supportive of the school's application to increase capacity and this is demonstrated through the LA making a significant financial investment towards the building project that is planned to allow this increase to take place. There is increasing pressure on secondary school places in Bath and the additional places at Oldfield School from 2020 onwards will help to address this issue and to ensure that there are sufficient secondary school places available in Bath secondary schools for local children from 2020 onwards.

This proposal will see the net capacity of the school increase from 1216 to 1320. The increase in 11-16 student numbers from the current position will be 1096 to 1120 (an increase of 24 students); with the balance of the increase (80 students) being in the sixth form.

There will be a meeting at Oldfield School on Wednesday 27th February at 6 pm to which all stakeholders have been invited, where you will have the opportunity to ask any questions that you may have regarding the proposal. If you are attending, then please report to Reception.



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The consultation period will run until Wednesday 6th March. If you wish to respond to this proposal please email the school at enquiries@oldfieldschool.com or alternatively write to the school, for the attention of the Headteacher. Please ensure that your email or letter makes reference to being a response to the significant change consultation.

Yours sincerely

Steven Mackay
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