



## Oatlands Community Junior School

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Dear Neighbours

**Public consultation meeting on Monday 16<sup>th</sup> April at 6.30pm at Oatlands Junior School regarding a proposal for Oatlands Junior School to become a two form 60 intake 5-11 age full through primary school**

For some time now the Governing Body at Oatlands Juniors has been considering the option of becoming a 'full' primary school and admitting children from reception upwards. If this does happen, the school would increase in size from its current 300 children to 420. The increase would be spread over a four year transition period, likely commencing from September 2019.

I enclose a copy of our letter to parents and carers and a 'frequently asked questions' document which explain the proposal in more detail.

We know that the traffic in and around Beechwood Grove at the start and end of the school day has always been an issue and it is not helped by Beechwood Grove also being used as unofficial overspill parking for Hornbeam Park. We previously invited the Council to consider introducing time limited disc parking in Beechwood Grove but that was rejected on the grounds that it would just push the problem of Hornbeam Park traffic parking in our road into adjoining streets. We also noted the Council's response last year to the concerns raised by Andrew Jones MP on behalf of residents, including the view that the parking of cars along both sides of Beechwood Grove positively acted as an effective traffic calming measure and therefore should not be interfered with.

If we do increase the size of the school from 300 to 420 children as a full primary school this should not in fact result in a pro rata increase in the volume of traffic in Beechwood Grove at the beginning and end of the school day. That is because, at any given time, many of our children also have siblings attending the Infants school. If, in future, those infant age children attended our school, they would likely be brought to and collected from school at the same time as their older siblings who would be here in any event.

We are also planning to approach Marks & Spencer to seek their agreement to a 'park and walk' system, with parents being asked to park in M&S' car park at school drop off and pick up times and walking with their children along Beech Avenue to and from the rear entrance gate of our school.

We plan to hold a public consultation meeting on Monday 16<sup>th</sup> April at 6.30pm in the school hall at Oatlands Juniors and you would be welcome to attend.

Chris Tulley  
Chair of Governors

