

Section 19(1) Proposal to expand Christ the King Catholic Voluntary Aided Primary School

School and local education authority details

The proposer is

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This proposal relates to Christ the King Catholic Voluntary Aided Primary School, Durdells Avenue, Kinson, Bournemouth BH11 9EH.

Implementation date

It is proposed that the admission number of Christ the King RC VA Primary School is to increase from 30 to 60 places on a permanent basis from September 2013.

Objections and comments

Objections and comments regarding this proposal should be sent to Sam Richardson, School Organisation, Bournemouth Borough Council, Town Hall, Bourne Avenue, Bournemouth BH2 6DY. Telephone 01202 454904 or email sam.richardson@bournemouth.gov.uk by **21 June 2013**

Alteration description

Christ the King RC VA Primary school currently offers up to 30 school places each year for children aged 4 -11 (Reception to Year 6) and has a maintained nursery class, and is based in the Kinson area of Bournemouth. It is proposed that the admission number of Christ the King RC VA Primary School is to increase from 30 to 60 places from September 2013. The proposed increase is on a permanent basis and the additional accommodation will be provided by expanding and remodeling the existing building.

School capacity

The school will increase in size year on year, so that the overall capacity of the school increases from 210 to 420, accommodating 60 places in each year across all 7 year groups by September 2016.

The current number of pupils registered at the school is 250. The current permanent admission number for the school is 30 but this has been 60 as a temporary measure since 2010.

Implementation

The proposals will be implemented by Bournemouth Borough Council.

Additional site

The School would remain operational throughout the adaptation of the school and construction of the extension. No additional site is required for the expansion.

Objectives

The key objective of this proposal is to meet the Council's statutory duty of providing sufficient school places. Christ the King RC VA Primary School is in an area with a growing population of pre- school children who will shortly require a school place.

There has also been an increased demand for Catholic primary places as part of the general increase in population.

Consultation

Statutory requirements to consult in relation to this proposal have been complied with as per the Education and Inspections Act 2006 (EIA 2006), the School Organisation (Prescribed Alterations to Maintained Schools)(England) Regulations 2007 (as amended by The School Organisation and Governance (Amendments)(England) Regulations 2007 which came into force on 21 January 2008 and the School Organisation and Governance (Amendment)(England) Regulations 2009 which came into force on 1 September 2009).

A list of parties sent consultation packs inviting them to express their views can be found in the Consultation Summary at **Appendix 1**. A public consultation meeting was held at Christ the King RC VA Primary School on 1 May 2013. Minutes of this meeting and all the views of respondents to the consultation can be found in **Appendix 2**. A copy of the consultation document is attached at **Appendix 3**. Additional copies were made available on the Bournemouth Borough Council website for wider distribution.

Project costs

The estimated capital cost of the expansion and remodelling works required is £2,000,000. The project will be funded by Bournemouth Borough Council from Basic Need grant funding.

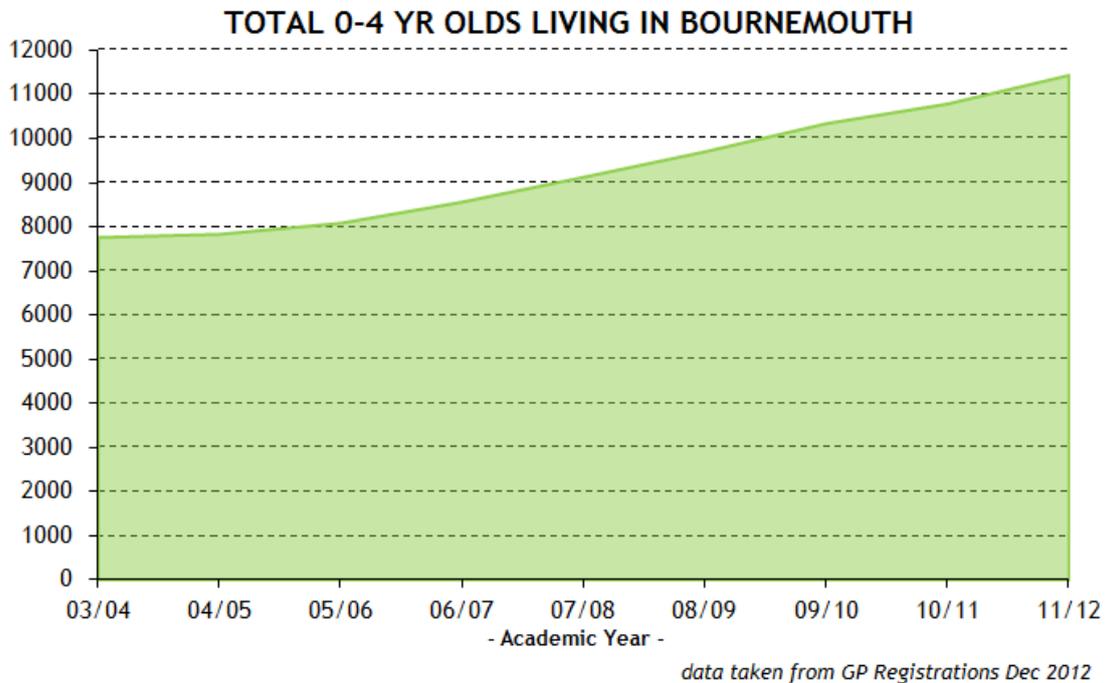
Age range

The age range of the school is currently 3 to 11 years and would remain unaltered.

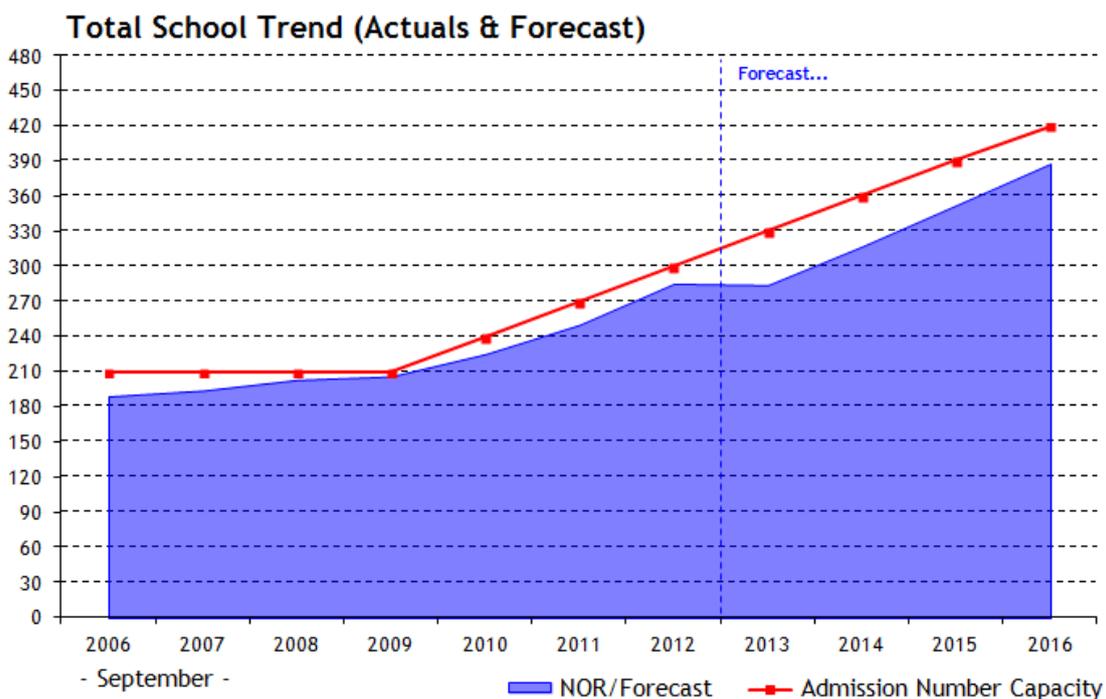
Need or demand for additional places

The exceptional rise in birth rates in the Borough (44% between 2005 and 2011), coupled with increased migration, will lead to an increase in the number of Reception age children in the next four years and potentially beyond.

The total number of pre-school children in the borough continues to grow, as shown in the graph below



The latest school pupil forecasts for Christ the King RC VA Primary School show that the overall number of pupils in the school will continue to rise. The Reception intake for September 2013 was full in April 2013, after the allocation of on-time applications.



Appendix 1

Summary of the results of the statutory consultation on Bournemouth Borough Council's proposal to expand Christ the King RC VA Primary school from 1 form of entry (30 places) to 2 forms of entry (60 places) for September 2013

1. Background

Christ the King RC VA Primary School currently offers up to 60 school places each year for children aged 4-11 (Reception - Year 6) on a temporary basis and is based in the Kinson area of the Borough.

Christ the King RC VA Primary School has been identified as a high priority for investment and change to help provide additional Catholic school places that will be required in the borough over the next four years and beyond due to increase in Catholic school applications.

This report covers the statutory consultation on a proposal to expand the school from 1 form of entry (30 places) to 2 forms of entry (60 places) from September 2013.

2. Key Consultation Milestones

January 2013	Informal discussions between school and council regarding potential for expansion.
27 March 2013	Cabinet meeting. A decision was taken to include the expansion of Christ the King Catholic Primary School as part of the strategy for providing additional school places for September 2013 and September 2014. The Cabinet report included agreement to commence statutory consultation.
22 April 2013 to 17 May 2013	The statutory consultation process and procedures included: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Wide distribution of a consultation pack and response form• Publicity through local press advertisement.• A public meeting

3. Public Meeting

A public meeting was held at the school on Wednesday 1st May 2013. A note of this meeting is attached separately. There were predominantly parents attending. The majority of the questions and concerns were focused on the provision of additional classrooms and the continuity of the school's nurturing Catholic ethos.

4. Consultation Forms and Responses

Consultation Documents and Response Forms were made widely available to:

- Families of all pupils of Christ the King RC VA School
- Christ the King's Governing Body
- Christ the King School staff
- Christ the King School Reception
- Head Teachers across the Borough of Bournemouth
- Local Member of Parliament
- Diocese of Plymouth
- Trade Union representatives
- Local Children's Centres

Forms were also made available on the Bournemouth Borough Council website with a link from the school's website. A press advertisement in the local paper advised how the consultation form and response form could be obtained.

Consultation responses could be submitted via several means: direct to Bournemouth Borough Council at the Town Hall, via the School or via e-mail to a Council Officer responsible for receiving consultation responses.

5. Summary of responses

There were no official responses to the statutory consultation. We consider this to be due to the fact that the school has already temporarily expanded for 3 years, so existing parents are generally comfortable with the proposal, and there has been consistent publicity in the Borough for the last 4 years about the growing population and need for additional school places.

Appendix 2

Notes of the public meeting held on 01 May 2013 at 6.30pm at Christ the King RC VA Primary School, Bournemouth

There were approximately 20 people in attendance, mainly parents and governors of the school.

Presenting

Clare Tickel	Head Teacher
Fr Bill	Chair of Governors
Neil Goddard	Bournemouth Borough Council Service Director

There was a brief presentation, outlining the ethos of the school, and the reasons leading up to the proposal for the school to expand. There was then an opportunity for questions to be raised by the audience.

Questions asked following the presentation

1) Will other schools in the Borough close?

No. The Council needs to expand and build schools because the demand is an unprecedented one, therefore to close a school would not be a practicable option.

2) Will we get a lollipop lady?

The Council's Transport department will carry out a rigorous assessment of the traffic around the school and patrol crossings will be a consideration as part of this.

3) How will traffic be dealt with?

As part of the traffic assessment, the main objective is to achieve a network that has minimal affect on current and future volumes of traffic and traffic flow and also to ensure safety is paramount for both pedestrians and road users.

4) Will the hall be able to facilitate everyone at whole school events?

Yes. We also intend to keep existing traditions of assemblies and family Masses etc. Lunch times will also be looked at to ensure our current system to allow siblings to have lunch together remains in place.

5) Where will the extra classes be?

The Local Authority will look at this as part of the feasibility assessment before making a decision. There may be a number of options to consider prior to a decision being made.

6) Will they build up or out?

Again, this will be something that will be looked at as part of the feasibility assessment.

7) What will we lose?

There are no plans to lose anything the school currently holds.

8) What about children's safety?

The safety of the children is paramount at all times. There will be rigorous measures put in place to ensure children are kept away from any building work and are unaffected by it.

9) How will the Catholic ethos be maintained and promoted when it currently is not?

The ethos of our school is at the heart of our community. We will ensure our Catholic ethos is promoted to encourage the families of our school to respect and value our mission statement.

10) How will an increase in bullying be managed - both between pupils and parents?

We take bullying very seriously and we would work with families to promote harmony in our community. We also encourage our children to treat each other with mutual respect in line with our Catholic ethos.

11) Does the church have the capacity to accommodate all for whole school mass?

Yes. However, for events where families are invited, there may be some logistical changes to allow us to accommodate everyone.

12) Can a response board be available at local libraries etc?

We will be publishing the proposals in many places, local libraries being one of them.

13) Are we going to get our own library back?

This will be looked at as part of the feasibility assessment when looking at all the options best to accommodate the changes.

14) Will there be an opportunity for single sex changing facilities?

This is something that has been raised before and so we will be looking at this to be a possibility.

15) We don't want children's learning to have an adverse effect.

The objective is to have the children of the school leave Year 6 fully able and prepared for secondary school. We will do everything we can to minimise any impact on the children's learning from the building works. We may even use the building works to compliment the Science subject of the curriculum.

16) We would like the Catholic ethos to be maintained and promoted more.

This is always a high priority and is key to achieve the aims and objectives of the school.

The above questions were answered mainly by the Head Teacher, who assured the audience that the ethos of the school would be maintained, and that the accommodation would be provided in a way that improved the school facilities. Neil Goddard also added that safety and parking were key issues at any school build project and would be addressed through the planning process.



Consultation Document

**Proposal to expand
Christ the King Catholic Primary School**

Neil Goddard
Service Director, Community Learning & Commissioning

April 2013

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Summary

Bournemouth Borough Council and the Governors and Head Teacher of Christ the King Catholic Primary School are proposing a permanent change in the numbers of children who will enter the school from September 2013

This document explains the proposals and asks for your views.

If you require this document in a different language please contact:
Samuel Richardson, School Organisation Team,
Bournemouth Borough Council, Bourne Avenue,
Bournemouth BH2 6DY
01202 454904

Christ the King Catholic Primary School



April 2013

Dear Parents and Carers

You will already be aware that Christ the King school has temporarily increased its admission number from 30 to 60 since September 2010. As you will see from the information in this pack there is a growing demand for Catholic provision and school places locally and governors feel it is appropriate that we work with the Local Authority in meeting this increase in demand for Catholic school places and making this increase to 60 permanent from September 2013.

What will this mean for our school?

- An opportunity to further our mission as an inclusive faith school grounded in the faith tradition of the Roman Catholic Church.
- An opportunity to enhance our learning environment and develop our resources.
- An opportunity to further develop and enhance opportunities for teaching and learning.

What will this mean for our community?

- More school places to offer Catholic children
- More school places to offer to local children
- Further development of the community use of our school

We appreciate the complexity of the building process and school expansion and as governors we are already working on your behalf to anticipate and address any adverse affects that may occur. We will work closely with the Local Authority and contractors to minimise any disruption to the children's education and ensure high levels of safety throughout the rebuilding programme.

As governors we welcome the expansion proposal because we believe that the new facilities will support the school in delivering our vision and core values of learning and raising standards for all our pupils and developing a 21st century curriculum and a fully extended school for an increasing number of learners.

Yours sincerely,

Fr Bill Muir
Chair of Governors

Mrs Tickel
Head teacher

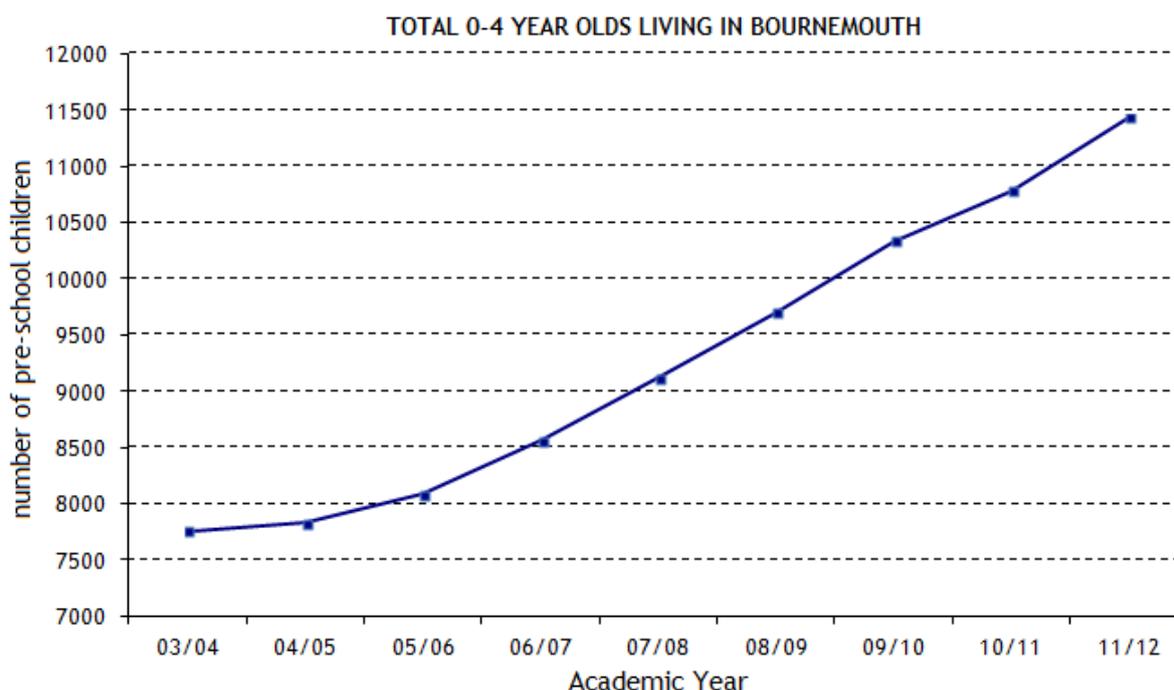
2. PROPOSAL TO EXPAND CHRIST THE KING CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

CURRENT POSITION

Bournemouth Borough Council is responsible for the educational provision in the Borough. This includes the planning and provision of educational services, including the establishment of new schools.

The Council has a statutory duty to provide sufficient school places for children resident in Bournemouth, of statutory school age. To achieve this, the council has to keep the number of school places under review and to take the appropriate steps to manage the position where necessary. The Education and Inspections Act 2006 also requires local authorities to adopt a strategic role, with a duty to promote choice, diversity and fair access to school provision.

The number of 0 year olds in the Borough has increased for the 7th consecutive year (47% since 2005), which has led to an increase in the number of Reception age children needing a school place and this is forecast to continue. However this increase is unlikely to be distributed evenly across the Borough.



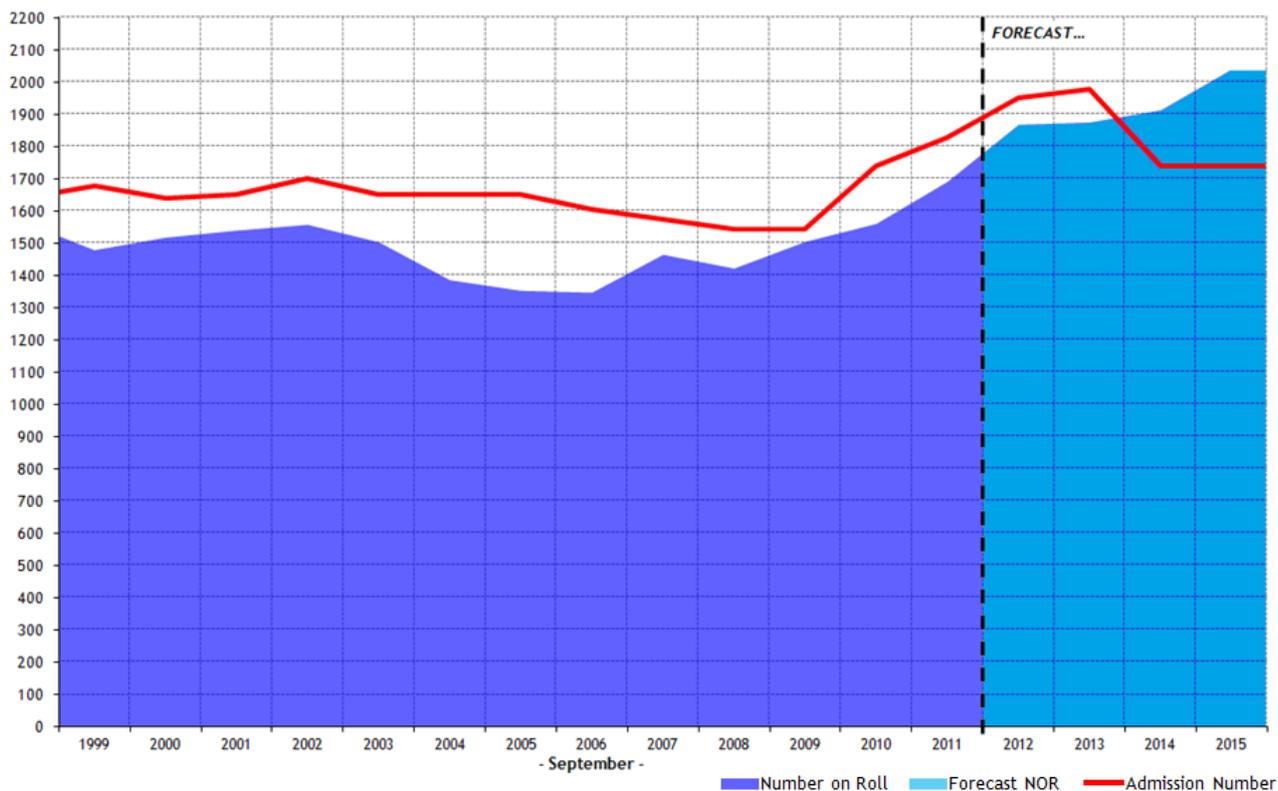
There are currently 1680 permanent Primary Reception spaces in Bournemouth provided through 23 primary schools, categorised as follows:

- 7 Catchment Community Schools - 540 spaces (32%)
- 10 Voluntary Aided Schools - 630 spaces (38%)
- 1 Voluntary Controlled School - 90 spaces (5%)
- 1 Foundation - 60 spaces (4%)
- 4 Academy - 360 spaces (21%)

The Jewell Academy is also set to open in Sept 2013, offering 60 places.

The latest Reception Year school pupil forecasts for Bournemouth (graph below) show that the overall number of pupils in the Borough continues to rise.

BOURNEMOUTH PRIMARY RECEPTION YEAR FORECAST



Since 2010, 65% of primary schools in Bournemouth have/are in process of being involved in providing additional places. In September 2012 the total number of Reception primary spaces in Bournemouth is 1950. These additional school places have been provided either by permanent expansions, or on a temporary basis.

There has been an increased demand for Catholic primary places as part of the general increase in population. The admission number of Christ the King Catholic Primary School and St Walburga’s Catholic Primary School were both increased temporarily to cope with this increased demand. Despite this, there were still Catholic applicants unable to secure a place in a Catholic primary school. This document details the proposal to permanently increase Christ the King Catholic Primary School, but the school buildings and site at St Walburga’s Catholic Primary School are too small to allow any further expansion.

Year	No. of Catholic Primary Reception places	No. of Catholic applicants refused a place at a Catholic primary school
2009	150	6
2010	180	21
2011	180	67
2012	210	11

If no action is taken to provide additional Catholic primary school places the number of Reception Year places in Catholic primary schools will fall to 180 and there will be a significant number of Catholic applicants from Bournemouth unable to secure a place at a Catholic primary school.

PROPOSAL

It is proposed to expand Christ the King Catholic Primary School from 1 form of entry (30 places) to 2 forms of entry (60 places) from September 2013 onwards to meet the need for additional school places in the borough and the Catholic community. The school will therefore offer 60 places each year for children aged 4 - 11 (Reception Year - Year 6), see table below.

The proposed increase is on a permanent basis and the school will need to be adapted to accommodate the additional pupils.

Christ the King Catholic Primary School Admission Number Table

	- Academic Year -									
	2010/11	2011/12	2012/13	2013/14	2014/15	2015/16	2016/17	2017/18	2018/19	2019/20
Year R	60	60	60	60	60	60	60	60	60	60
Year 1	30	60	60	60	60	60	60	60	60	60
Year 2	30	30	60	60	60	60	60	60	60	60
Year 3	30	30	30	60	60	60	60	60	60	60
Year 4	30	30	30	30	60	60	60	60	60	60
Year 5	30	30	30	30	30	60	60	60	60	60
Year 6	30	30	30	30	30	30	60	60	60	60
Total	240	270	300	330	360	390	420	420	420	420

Temporary increase

Permanent increase

3. THE PROCESS OF CONSULTATION

FIRST STAGE

Bournemouth Borough Council wishes to consult parents, governors and staff of the school concerned, the broader community and neighbouring education authorities, as well as other interested parties about this proposal.

A public meeting will be held at Christ the King Catholic Primary School at 6pm on Wednesday 01 May 2013. At this meeting there will be an opportunity to ask questions of the Head teacher and governors of the school, as well as officers from the Local Authority.

You are invited to complete the Response Form enclosed at the back of this document. This document and Response Form can be accessed online via the following website:

www.bournemouth.gov.uk/schoolplaceplanning

Parents are asked to complete one form only; irrespective of how many children they might have attending the school. Forms must be returned by **Friday 17 May 2013** at the latest to:

School Organisation Team
Bournemouth Borough Council
Town Hall (THE3)
Bourne Avenue
Bournemouth BH2 6DY
Tel: 01202 454904
Email: admissions.consultation@bournemouth.gov.uk

At the end of the consultation period written responses will be summarised in a report to the Council which will make a decision on how best to proceed. All views expressed will be taken into account, but it should be emphasised that the Response Forms do **not** represent a ballot.

THE NEXT STAGE

If the Council decides to go ahead with the proposal, Public Notices will be published in the local newspaper and at the school. There is then a period of six weeks during which time formal objections/comments may be submitted to the address above.

OUTCOME

At the end of the Public Notice period, the matter will be referred to the Cabinet of the Council, which has the authority to approve the proposal or not. Cabinet will see all the responses received.

4. THE OPTIONS

The following options are under consideration:

Option 1	Permanently increase the admission number of Christ the King Catholic Primary School to 2 forms of entry (60 places) This means the overall capacity of the school will increase to 420 and the school will become 2 forms of entry (60 places) throughout to accommodate 7 year groups (Reception -Year 6).
Option 2	No change This means that Christ the King Catholic Primary School will remain at 1 form of entry (30 places).
Option 3	Any new option which may arise during the course of the consultation

POINTS FOR CONSIDERATION IF THE PROPOSAL TO PURSUE OPTION 1 WERE ADOPTED

STAFFING AND CURRICULUM IMPLICATIONS

The school's staffing will be increased to meet the needs of delivering the curriculum within the school's budget. The school's budget will be increased to reflect the increased number of pupils and increased size of the school.

BUILDING IMPLICATIONS

The accommodation for Christ the King Catholic Primary School will need to be extended and adapted to accommodate the additional pupils so that the capacity of the school permanently increases to 420.

The Council will work closely with the Head teacher, staff, governors and parents to ensure minimum disruption to pupils, parents and local residents during the course of the building project.

COST IMPLICATIONS

The capital costs of expanding the school will be funded from the basic need capital allocation made to Bournemouth Borough Council for the purpose of providing additional school places.

DAY TO DAY MANAGEMENT DURING BUILDING

The pressures on a school that can come from any building works, will be managed with care by the school, Local Authority and site contractor who will be appointed with the consideration of the school carrying on as normal during build work.

Children's safety during building is our main aim and we endeavour to reduce the disruption caused by any work. Other schools found they benefited by incorporating the building works into the curriculum.

CONCLUSION

The proposal to expand Christ the King Catholic Primary School will assist in meeting the need for additional places in the Borough of Bournemouth, including the particular increased demand for additional Catholic primary places.

Cabinet Minutes 27 March 2013

Cabinet minutes approving the proposal for the permanent expansion of Christ the King Catholic Primary School to be included as part of the plans for additional primary school places for September 2014, and for a statutory consultation to be carried out:

<http://www.bournemouth.gov.uk/CouncilDemocracy/Councillors/CouncillorCommitteeMeeting/Cabinet/2013/03/27/Minutes/Minutes-270313.pdf>

The main report can be found here in report 6a. Sections 5.3.2 and 6.12 refer specifically to Christ the King Catholic Primary School:

<http://www.bournemouth.gov.uk/CouncilDemocracy/Councillors/CouncillorCommitteeMeeting/Cabinet/2013/03/27/Agenda/Agenda-and-Reports-Package.pdf>