

Coton Green Primary School, Tamworth

Proposed Increase in Pupil Admission Numbers

The consultation process to seek views of the local community on the proposed expansion of the school to provide an additional 105 school places, an increase of 15 Reception places each Academic Year from September 2021 closed on Friday 14th February 2020.

The Governors held a meeting to consider any responses received from the public during the consultation process, the following points were discussed;

Parking: Tamworth Borough Council and the community safety team have been contacted to assist with the existing parking issues, and to follow up concerns to see if anything can be done to alleviate the issues raised. Assistance has also been requested from the local Police Community Support Officers to see whether a police presence may be able to enforce responsible parking.

The school already has an arrangement with The Coton Arms which provides alternative parking within walking distance of the school. However, it appears a small minority of parents continue to park without due consideration to our neighbours. Any parents who must travel to the school in a vehicle should make use of this facility rather than park on the neighbouring roads around the school.

The school strongly encourages active and sustainable travel to school, and already fully participates in the Staffordshire STARS initiative which encourages pupils to walk, cycle or scooter to school. We have achieved Silver accreditation already and have plans to promote this scheme further as part of the expansion project to achieve Gold status.

Air Quality: Concerns were raised regarding the perceived air quality around the school. County Council Environmental Officers have not identified an existing issue with air quality around the school, and Tamworth is not an 'Air Quality Management Area'. These areas are identified by the Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs where air quality is recognised as an issue.

The school will be looking into delivering a local 'Air Aware' campaign as part of the curriculum, to join up with the Staffordshire STARS initiative encouraging active travel to school. We will use the school newsletter to keep parents and neighbours informed. Full details of the Air Aware initiative can be found here:

<https://www.staffordshire.gov.uk/DoingOurBit/Get-Inspired/Clean-green-and-safe/Air-aware/Air-aware.aspx>

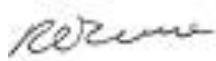
Paths and perimeter pathways: It was raised that some of the paths and perimeter pathways used by pupils walking and cycling to school are overgrown or covered in leaves, which might deter people from using them. Contact has been made with Staffordshire County Council to identify who is responsible for clearing the paths and how often. An update will be provided in the school newsletter.

Construction traffic: Concerns were raised about construction traffic on Kipling Rise. All contractors will be instructed to proceed with 'considerate construction' and any concerns by our neighbours will be addressed as they arise. Furthermore, contractors will be instructed to provide a banksman to guide all construction vehicles using Kipling Rise and entering and leaving the school site.

All concerns were discussed, and the issue of parking in particular was deemed to be historical and pre-existing. It was considered that the increase in PAN will not have further significant impact on any of the issues raised, particularly in that the expansion is deemed to meet the immediate local demand on school places. The new facilities allowed by the school expansion will however improve the education for all the children at Coton Green Primary School.

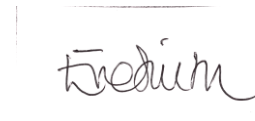
It was agreed by the Governors that the expansion of Coton Green Primary School should proceed.

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