

Appendix 3 – Consultation Outcomes – Proposed Changes to School Organisation

Proposal to permanently expand Ark Oval Primary Academy by 1 form of entry from September 2015

Ark Oval Primary Academy has agreed to the proposal to permanently expand the school by a form of entry (30 additional pupils) in order to meet the growing primary need in the East of borough. The Academy consulted key stakeholders about the proposal between November 2013 and January 2014.

The responses to the consultation on the proposed expansion show that there is broad support of this proposal.

Respondents to the consultation questionnaire

- ◆ 69% of all the respondents were in favour or strongly in favour of the school expanding
- ◆ 75% of the responses were from parents of children that currently attending Ark Oval Primary Academy of these 73% was supportive of the expansion and 16% were against the expansion.

The school has submitted a Business Case regarding the proposed expansion to the Department for Education for approval and is awaiting a decision.

Proposal to permanently expand West Thornton Primary Academy by 2 forms of entry from September 2015

The Council initiated the proposal to permanently expand West Thornton Primary Academy by 2 forms of entry. The proposed expansion will create an additional capacity of 60 places to meet the basic need for primary places in Croydon.

Overall, the respondents show broad support to the proposal to expand the school by two additional form of entry from September 2015.

The Academy has/will submit a Business Case to the Education Funding Agency for approval (and is awaiting a decision).

Proposal to permanently expand West Thornton Primary Academy by 2 forms of entry from September 2015

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The Academy carried out an 8 week consultation (20 January to 14 March 2014) about the proposed expansion with key stakeholders. A public meeting was held at the school.

- ◆ Of all respondents 92% were either strongly in favour or in favour of the school expanding to admit an additional 60 children in each year
- ◆ All of the responses were received from parents of children currently attending West Thornton Primary Academy.

Overall, the respondents show broad support to the proposal to expand the school by two additional form of entry from September 2015.

The Academy has/will submit a Business Case to the Education Funding Agency for approval (and is awaiting a decision)

Proposal to expand St Joseph's Catholic Junior, Infants and Nursery Schools by one form of entry from September 2015

The consultation on the proposal to expand the schools took place from 10 February to 10 March 2014. Two public consultation meetings were held at the School.

- ◆ Just over a half of respondents 55% were strongly in favour or in favour of the proposed expansion.
- ◆ Of the 67 responses 82% were received from parents/careers of children currently attending the schools.

The Council's Cabinet is asked to give its approval to proceed to the next stage – publication of statutory notice - with a 4 week representation period for anyone with an interest to comment on or object to the proposal. If approved, another report will be put to Cabinet in due course for a final decision on whether to implement the proposal.

Proposal to change status and name of Parish Church schools

Parish Church CE Nursery & Infants School and Junior School is proposing to change the category and name of the school, from Voluntary Controlled to Voluntary Aided, and from 'Parish Church' to 'The Minster' respectively, from January 2015.

The proposal states that the school is changing its category to strengthen its relationship with Southwark Diocese, Croydon Minster and other church schools in our area.

Running concurrently with the proposal to change its category, the school is proposing to change its name because the Parish Church has been renamed Croydon Minster and they wish to change the names of the schools to keep the link with our local church.

The school conducted an informal consultation with key stakeholders about the proposals between March and April 2014.

- ◆ Just over a half of respondents 57% were strongly in favour or in favour of the change of category.

- ♦ Of the 54 responses 72% were from parents/carers of children currently attending the school.

The Council's Cabinet is asked to give its approval to proceed to the next stage – publication of statutory notice - with a 4 week representation period for anyone with an interest to comment on or object to the proposals. If approved, another report will be put to Cabinet in due course for a final decision on whether to implement the proposals.