

# School Organisation Consultation

On a proposal to change an infant school into a  
primary school:

Ripley CE Infant School

## The Proposal

The Governing Body of Ripley CE Infant School is proposing that:

- Ripley CE Infant School becomes a primary school
- the change of age range would start in September 2008
- the PAN of the Primary School would be 28

## The process would be:

- Ripley CE Infant School would become a primary school and extend its age range by 1 year
- all children would remain on roll at Ripley Primary School
  - for September 2008 parents/carers may want their child to go on to the school which they have been allocated
- the age range would extend by a further year each year
- the additional classrooms would be built in time for the children

## Why are we making these proposals?

The Governing Body (GB) of Ripley School have wished to become a primary school for some years. The Site was originally planned to be a primary school, but policy changes have meant it became a First School and then an Infant School. The school has a large Hall and sufficient playing fields to become a primary school.

Ripley Infant School is a very good and highly effective school and it is entirely appropriate to expand such schools. There are a significant number of parents/carers of children in the current Y2 at Ripley who want their children to stay on at the school, rather than move them to another school for their junior education. Surrey County Council (SCC) has a duty to respond to parental representations. If what parents/carers want makes good sense educationally, and does not conflict with the strategic aims of a Local Authority (LA), then the LA should support them.

## DCSF Policy

It is the Department of Children Schools & Families' (DCSF) policy to take account of the views of parents/carers when considering whether to expand popular successful schools. The Government's aim, as set out in the *Five Year Strategy for Education and Learners* and the Schools White Paper *Higher Standards, Better Schools For All*, is to create a schools system shaped by parents which delivers excellence and equity. The Government wishes to encourage changes to local school provision where it will boost standards and opportunities for young people, whilst matching school place supply as closely as possible to pupils' and parents' needs and wishes. When SCC, acting as the Decision Maker comes to a decision on a proposal, the DCSF Statutory Guidance is that the strong presumption is that proposals to expand successful and popular schools should be approved, and Ripley is a very successful school.

We feel that a primary school would serve the community even better than the school does now.

There would be advantages if Ripley Infant School changed into a primary school:

- There would be a significant reduction in car journeys as junior children would not need to travel to another school
- it would no longer be necessary for infants with siblings at a junior school to be driven to school on the way to the junior school
- there would be an enhancement in community cohesion were there to be a new primary school rather than an infant school

A primary school has the following advantages:

- A seamless transition from Key Stage 1 (Infants) to Key Stage 2 (Juniors)
- greater opportunities for curriculum development
- greater opportunities for staff development
- greater flexibility with a larger budget to deploy staff and curriculum resources effectively
- greater opportunities for staff recruitment
- it is becoming increasingly difficult to recruit headteachers, and the range of teaching and learning in a primary school would be more likely to attract aspiring headteachers in future

## Births

Forecasts of pupils attending schools are made on the basis of births in the area. Ripley is in the “GU1” Send & Ripley Planning Area. Historic births are shown below. SCC obtains birth data from the Office for National Statistics (ONS). The latest data is for the year Sept '05 – Aug '06. Births are projected from 2006 by using the average of the previous 3 years.

It is likely that the births will be higher than projected as a result of families moving into the area.

Births GU Guildford		Projected from											2006		
School Year		1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009
GU1	Send & Ripley	67	68	71	77	77	65	58	74	67	64	66	66	66	66

Source: ONS

This shows that the birth rate declined during 2001-2002 but has recovered.

## Historic Numbers on Roll

The GU1 Planning Area includes Send First School, St Bede's CE VA Junior School and Ripley CE VC Infant School.

The historic total number of pupils on roll (NOR) in the Send & Ripley Planning Area is shown below.

Send & Ripley

GU1 NOR	Year	PAN	Surplus	YR	Y1	Y2	Inf	PAN	Cap	Y3	Y4	Y5	Y6	Jun	Total
2000/2001	2000	88	9	79	80	80	<b>239</b>	81	81	81	88	73	79	<b>321</b>	<b>560</b>
2001/2002	2001	88	5	83	77	80	<b>240</b>	81	81	83	82	89	75	<b>329</b>	<b>569</b>
2002/2003	2002	88	18	70	83	73	<b>226</b>	81	81	87	80	80	89	<b>336</b>	<b>562</b>
2003/2004	2003	88	18	70	71	76	<b>217</b>	81	81	74	88	79	78	<b>319</b>	<b>536</b>
2004/2005	2004	86	15	71	68	74	<b>213</b>	81	81	76	76	86	78	<b>316</b>	<b>529</b>
2005/2006	2005	86	9	77	73	70	<b>220</b>	81	81	82	76	76	89	<b>323</b>	<b>543</b>
2006/2007	2006	86	10	76	83	71	<b>230</b>	81	81	66	79	74	73	<b>292</b>	<b>522</b>
2007/2008	2007	86	5	81	77	81	<b>239</b>	81	81	65	55	74	73	<b>267</b>	<b>506</b>

Source: SCC

This shows a flat trend in infant entry (YR) from 2002 - 2004, followed by an increase in numbers. It also shows a dip in junior entry (Y3) from 2003 - 2004, an increase and then a dip for the two years 2006 - 2007.

The NOR and Published Admission Number (PAN) for the three schools is shown below.

Ripley CE Infant

Ripley	Year	PAN	YR	Y1	Y2	Inf
1995/1996	1995	30	24	38	37	99
1996/1997	1996	30	44	28	35	107
1997/1998	1997	30	33	44	20	97
1998/1999	1998	30	24	32	39	95
1999/2000	1999	30	20	23	32	75
2000/2001	2000	30	23	20	24	67
2001/2002	2001	30	27	22	20	69
2002/2003	2002	30	16	27	20	63
2003/2004	2003	30	19	15	25	59
2004/2005	2004	28	16	21	16	53
2005/2006	2005	28	26	18	21	65
2006/2007	2006	28	21	26	17	64
2007/2008	2007	28	27	21	23	71

Send CE First (Inf)

Send	Year	PAN	YR	Y1	Y2	Inf
1995/1996	1995	58	57	55	39	151
1996/1997	1996	58	67	52	59	178
1997/1998	1997	58	52	66	49	167
1998/1999	1998	58	53	52	62	167
1999/2000	1999	58	58	59	50	167
2000/2001	2000	58	56	60	56	172
2001/2002	2001	58	56	55	60	171
2002/2003	2002	58	54	56	53	163
2003/2004	2003	58	51	56	51	158
2004/2005	2004	58	55	47	58	160
2005/2006	2005	58	51	55	49	155
2006/2007	2006	58	55	57	54	166
2007/2008	2007	58	54	56	58	168

St Bede's CE Junior

St Bede's	Year	PAN	Y3	Y4	Y5	Y6	Jun
1995/1996	1995	75	76	76	49	55	256
1996/1997	1996	81	87	80	72	50	289
1997/1998	1997	81	90	84	76	68	318
1998/1999	1998	81	81	87	83	74	325
1999/2000	1999	81	88	82	84	79	333
2000/2001	2000	81	80	88	73	79	320
2001/2002	2001	81	80	82	89	75	326
2002/2003	2002	81	86	80	80	89	335
2003/2004	2003	81	74	88	79	78	319
2004/2005	2004	81	76	76	86	78	316
2005/2006	2005	81	82	76	76	89	323
2006/2007	2006	81	66	79	74	73	292
2007/2008	2007	81	65	55	74	73	267

Source: SCC

## Forecast based on birth data

The birth numbers in the Send & Ripley Planning Area Wards are used to forecast the numbers that will enter YR. The numbers in each year group are used to forecast the numbers in the next year group for the following year. This gives the following forecast.

GU1		Send & Ripley						ex Housing							
	Year	PAN	Surplus	YR	Y1	Y2	Inf	PAN	Cap	Y3	Y4	Y5	Y6	Jun	Total
2008/2009	2008	86	-2	88	84	76	248	81	81	80	61	53	74	268	516
2009/2010	2009	86	6	80	91	83	254	81	81	75	75	59	53	262	516
2010/2011	2010	86	10	76	83	90	249	81	81	82	70	73	59	284	533
2011/2012	2011	86	8	78	79	82	239	81	81	89	76	68	73	306	545
2012/2013	2012	86	8	78	81	78	237	81	81	81	83	74	68	306	543
2013/2014	2013	86	8	78	81	80	239	81	81	77	76	81	74	308	547
2014/2015	2014	86	8	78	81	80	239	81	81	79	72	74	81	306	545
2015/2016	2015	86	8	78	81	80	239	81	81	79	74	70	74	297	536
2016/2017	2016	86	8	78	81	80	239	81	81	79	74	72	70	295	534
2017/2018	2017	86	8	78	81	80	239	81	81	79	74	72	72	297	536

Source: SCC

This forecast is based on historic patterns and does not take account of any additional children who would come to live in new housing. It also assumes that the popularity of school remains the same, so the same proportion of children who could attend the school will do so. It also forecasts the Y2 children on the basis of the Y2 children in the Planning Area only so does not include additional children from South Woking.

### Analysis

- The birth rate declined during 2001-2002 but has recovered
- the overall trend over recent years has been an increase in infant pupil numbers
- on the basis of births only, infant numbers in this area are projected to remain broadly constant
- if the number of births are higher than projected, then more infant places will be needed than shown – this would lead to greater junior numbers
- on the basis of Y2 numbers in the Planning Area, junior numbers are projected to remain broadly constant
- the effect of pupil flow from the South Woking Planning Area is very significant but has not been used to amend the projected numbers

## Numbers in the South Woking Planning Area

### South Woking Births

Births in Woking and for South Woking are shown below:

Births		WO Woking										Projected from				2006
School Year		1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	
Woking		1141	1220	1156	1164	1172	1169	1224	1223	1284	1279	1260	1260	1260	1260	
WO2	South Woking	148	158	148	146	141	123	149	165	164	164	165	165	165	165	

Source: ONS

This shows the birth rate declined during 2001-2002 but has recovered to a higher number than for previous years. Housing developments would lead to increased births.

## South Woking Historic NOR & Projections

South Woking historic NOR are given in the table below,

WO2 South Woking ex Housing

S Woking	Year	PAN	Surplus	YR	Y1	Y2	Inf	PAN	Cap	Y3	Y4	Y5	Y6	Jun	Total
2000/2001	2000	140	25	115	104	123	342	88	118	98	101	94	94	387	729
2001/2002	2001	140	2	138	106	104	348	88	118	105	97	103	94	399	747
2002/2003	2002	140	34	106	137	110	353	88	118	91	104	95	96	386	739
2003/2004	2003	140	54	86	106	136	328	88	118	98	92	99	99	388	716
2004/2005	2004	140	42	98	86	105	289	80	110	121	95	88	94	398	687
2005/2006	2005	140	44	96	97	82	275	60	90	90	120	89	86	385	660
2006/2007	2006	140	59	81	108	91	280	60	90	77	87	119	89	372	652
2007/2008	2007	140	38	102	83	114	299	60	90	83	84	88	119	374	673

Source: SCC

## South Woking Projections

The birth numbers in the South Woking Planning Area Wards give the following forecast. This has been updated with additional birth data and NOR data since the Barnsbury Amalgamation Consultation.

WO2 South Woking ex Housing

S Woking	Year	PAN	Surplus	YR	Y1	Y2	Inf	PAN	Cap	Y3	Y4	Y5	Y6	Jun	Total
2008/2009	2008	140	29	111	107	82	300	60	90	103	84	82	87	356	656
2009/2010	2009	140	29	111	116	105	332	60	90	74	105	82	81	342	674
2010/2011	2010	140	29	111	116	114	341	60	90	95	75	103	81	354	695
2011/2012	2011	140	29	111	116	114	341	60	90	103	97	74	102	376	717
2012/2013	2012	140	29	111	116	114	341	60	90	103	105	95	73	376	717
2013/2014	2013	140	29	111	116	114	341	60	90	103	105	103	94	405	746
2014/2015	2014	140	29	111	116	114	341	60	90	103	105	103	102	413	754
2015/2016	2015	140	29	111	116	114	341	60	90	103	105	103	102	413	754
2016/2017	2016	140	29	111	116	114	341	60	90	103	105	103	102	413	754
2017/2018	2017	140	29	111	116	114	341	60	90	103	105	103	102	413	754

Source: SCC

## Analysis

- The birth rate declined during 2001-2002 but has recovered to a higher number than for previous years
- the overall trend will be an increase in pupil numbers
- there is projected to be sufficient infant capacity
- junior numbers in this area are projected to remain broadly constant, but above the capacity of the schools
- this means that children will obtain places in schools outside the South Woking area
- therefore there would be a long-term demand for junior places for South Woking children in the Send & Ripley area

## Planned Admission Numbers (PANs) from September 2008

These are the Planned Admission Numbers for the schools in the area and what they would be under the proposals:

	Current Provision		Proposed Provision	
	PANs		PANs	
	Inf	Jun	Inf	Jun
Ripley Infant	28	-	28	-
Send First	58	-	58	-
St Bede's Junior	-	81	-	81
<b>Total Places</b>	<b>86</b>	<b>81</b>	<b>86</b>	<b>109</b>
<b>Long-term Demand (Send &amp; Ripley only)</b>	<b>78</b>	<b>79</b>	<b>78</b>	<b>79</b>
<b>Long-term Demand (including S Woking)</b>	<b>78</b>	<b>92</b>	<b>78</b>	<b>92</b>

Ripley Primary School would increase its age range by one year each year from September 2008.

### Possible effect on Infant places at other schools

From these forecasts the long-term demand for places in Ripley & Send is between 2 ½ & 3FE (forms of entry – ie classes of 30 children) of infant places and just over 3FE of junior places. Assuming schools remain as popular as they are now, the schools would continue take the same fraction of pupils as they do now. Therefore, as the number of infant places would not change, there should be no impact on numbers at Send First School.

### Possible effect on Junior places at other schools

If children stay on at Ripley School, they will not go onto other schools. This is a table of Ripley children destinations in recent years.

Year	St Bede's	Other LEA	Ripley Court	West Byfleet	Other Private	Pyrford	Westfield	Bushy Hill	Park School	Raleigh	Sandfields	St Andrews	Out of County
2002/03	15	0	1	1	1	0	2	0	0	0	0	1	0
2003/04	21	1	1	2	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
2004/05	16	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
2005/06	16	2	1	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
2006/07	4	3	0	0	4	0	0	4	0	0	0	0	2

Children went to a range of schools, but where the numbers are small, there should not be a significant impact on the schools.

Information from SCC's Admissions database is that 9 Ripley children were allocated St Bede's in September 2007 and 13 are currently allocated for September 2009, with 89 allocated children who have currently accepted the place offered. From the NOR data, the average Y3 at St Bede's for the past 5 years is 73 children. If the 13 Ripley children no longer required a place at St Bede's in September 2008 the 89 allocated children would be

reduced to 76 children, which would be greater than the average intake. Therefore the number of children would not be below a number reasonably expected for St Bede's.

### **Have Your Say**

We would like to know what the people of Send and Ripley and other people with an interest with an interest feel about our proposals. There is a Consultation Response Form on page 9 of this leaflet.

We want to have your views on whether you agree to the extension of age range and consequent expansion of Ripley School, and also whether it should happen in September 2008, or wait until September 2009.

The Consultation lasts until **Tuesday 20 May 2008**.

### **What happens next?**

We are going to hold public meetings at:

Ripley School	Monday 28 April	7.30 pm
Send School	Wednesday 7 May	7.30 pm

Please come and share your views.

The Consultation then lasts until **Tuesday 20 May 2008**.

The responses will be analysed and a Report goes to Surrey County Council's Executive Committee. If the Proposals are approved, then a Statutory Notice will be published. There would be 6 weeks to comment on the Proposals. The responses to the Statutory Notices would be analysed and a report submitted to Surrey County Council's Executive Committee, who make the final decision.

If the proposals are agreed, the Governing Body of Ripley Infant School will implement the extension of age range and the expansion of the school.

### **Where can I get more information?**

You can find out more from Ripley School, or the SCC website, or by contacting:

Ripley Expansion Consultation  
Room 171 County Hall  
Kingston-upon-Thames

Surrey KT1 2DJ

email: [schoolorg@surreycc.gov.uk](mailto:schoolorg@surreycc.gov.uk)

### **Can I write to you with my views?**

You can write with your views or email to the above address. Please also complete the Response Form on page 9

You could also write to your local County Councillor c/o County Hall at:

Kingston-upon-Thames  
Surrey KT1 2DJ

### **How long have I got to give my Views?**

We are consulting on these proposals until **Tuesday 20 May 2008**.

# Consultation Response Form

## on the Proposals to change Ripley Infant School into a Primary School

Please give us your views. Please tick the box that best shows what you think of the following questions. Also give us any comments you have. You can write on the other side of this sheet if you want more space to write comments.

1. Ripley Infant School should become a Primary School.

Agree

Don't know

Disagree

Comments:

2. The change in age range should happen from September 2008

Agree

Don't know

Disagree

Comments:

3. The change in age range should not happen until September 2009

Agree

Don't know

Disagree

Comments:

Please will you tell us something about yourself. Please tick the boxes that apply to you and please tick the box for the school involved.

	Ripley	Send	St Bede's	Another School
A parent/carer of a child in a Nursery class	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
A parent/carer of a child who may go to one of the schools	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
A parent/carer of a child at one of the schools	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Someone who works at one of the schools	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
A Governor of one of the schools	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Some other link to one of the schools	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Someone else with an interest – please give details

Please would you also give your postcode

Please return by **Tuesday 20 May 2008** to:  
 Ripley Expansion Consultation  
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Please tick if you have written comments on the other side

