



Northamptonshire County Council

Parents, Guardians and Members of the Community

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Date: 25th February 2019

Dear Parents, Guardians and Members of the Local Community,

Proposal to increase secondary places within Kettering town by an additional 90 places per year group.

Introduction

This letter is to advise you of a proposal from Kettering Science Academy to increase their Published Admission Number (PAN) by 2 forms of entry (60 places) and a proposal from Southfield School for Girls to increase their PAN by 1 form of entry (30 places). This follows a request from the local authority to ensure there are sufficient places in the town for local children of secondary age.

Last September both schools admitted a bulge class at short notice to ensure local pupils could attend a local school as requests for secondary places in Year 7 exceeded those available.

Why Change?

Northamptonshire has seen a significant rise in demand for school places due to the rising birth rate, new housing developments and in migration to the county and the County Council have a statutory duty to ensure that there are sufficient places available. Kettering is experiencing increased demand for school places at secondary level and additional capacity is needed to provide local places for children resident in the town.

Both academies have worked closely with Northamptonshire County Council to develop a suitable strategy to support the increased capacity at their school. We do not envisage that any expansion will impact on neighbouring schools.

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Why have Kettering Science Academy and Southfield Schools for Girls been selected for expansion?

There is a need for additional secondary school places in the town and following a temporary increase in their admission number in 2018 to admit a bulge class, both have agreed to increase their PAN on a permanent basis, subject to suitable building work.

This letter concerns the principle of expanding the published admission number (PAN) at each school and the expansion of physical capacity at the school (through an increase to the capacity figure recorded in each schools funding agreement for each school).

It is proposed that the following increases would result from this change;

Kettering Science Academy: PAN increases from 210 to 270 students per year group. Total physical capacity increases from 1050 to 1350 students;

Southfield School for Girls: PAN increases 168 to 198 students per year group. Total physical capacity of the school increases from 840 to 990 students.

Building consequences

This consultation does not relate to exactly how any extension to the schools will be built. The building proposals are subject to a separate statutory consultation process undertaken by the planning authority during the planning application process.

A new teaching block will be constructed at both schools to provide extra capacity and support timetabling of lessons.

What is the proposed timetable?

25th February to 22nd March 2019 – Consultation with parents, the local community, schools and other interested parties, to take into account the views expressed regarding the proposal to increase pupil numbers at the school.

12th March 2019 – Northamptonshire County Council Cabinet to consider financial approval for the project.

Summer 2019: Works expected to start on site

The permanent increased capacity at the schools are expected to be implemented from **September 2019** pending the approval of the Regional Schools Commissioner and delivery of the required building projects.

Have Your Say...

Consultation period for the principle of expansion – 25th February to 22nd March 2019

Northamptonshire County Council is co-ordinating the consultation response on behalf of Kettering Science Academy and Southfield School for Girls. We welcome your views on the proposed change to the admission number raised in this letter and all feedback will be passed to the schools for them to review. Feedback can be given in the following ways;

Via email

At schoolconsultation@northamptonshire.gov.uk

In Writing

to:

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The proposal will also be available on our 'Consultation Register' at www.northamptonshire.gov.uk

The closing date for comments to be submitted at this stage of the consultation is the **22nd March 2019**.

Yours Sincerely



Chris Wickens
Capital Programme Manager - Schools