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Governors' response to the two form entry proposal for Radyr Primary School

The Governors of Radyr Primary School fully support the expansion of the school to one of a two form entry.

In recent years the uncertainty of pupil numbers has caused challenges for the school and the Governing Body in the areas of budget planning and staff resourcing. The Finance committee of the Governing Body have found it increasingly challenging to accurately plan for each financial year due to the inability to accurately predict pupil numbers.

For many years Radyr Primary have had mixed year group classes. The educational opportunities given to these children have never been compromised but mixed age classes are rarely popular with parents or pupils. A permanent two form intake will mean that there are no mixed year group classes which will assist in school management planning.

The Governing Body have formally noted their desire for the school to be one of a two form entry for many years. Members of the Governing Body have actively campaigned for the change for over 18 months. We believe that the school has the physical space and resources in place to fully support a school of 60 pupils per year group. In addition, looking at the demographic data it is clear that if the school does not become one which can take 60 pupils each year, many children who live in catchment will have to travel to alternative schools. We firmly believe that the increase in pupil numbers will improve financial and resource planning which will improve the educational experience of both current and future pupils.

Jane Griffiths

Chair of Governors

November 2016

Headteachers' response to the two form entry proposal for Radyr Primary School

As the Headteacher of Radyr Primary School I fully support the expansion of the school to one of a two form entry, which is an increase of only 15 pupils in total.

For many years Radyr Primary have had mixed year group classes. A permanent two form intake will mean that there are no mixed year group classes which will assist in school management planning, this will also have a positive impact on standards allowing teachers to plan more effectively and differentiate for one year group (not as previously across two).

The school has over the years adapted the physical space and resources to fully support a school of 60 pupils per year group and the only necessary accommodation would be an extra classroom. As Radyr Primary is fortunate to have a very large field area and open space a further classroom would not impact on the available playground space for the children.

Radyr Primary school offers a wide range of after school clubs and increasing the numbers of children on roll and increasing the number of staff would only widen the opportunities available.

The school is fortunate to link closely with the community which offers a range of wrap around care. Many pupils attend the local latchkey provision before and after school along with a number of childminders who collect groups of children from school

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It is my opinion that the increase in pupil numbers will improve financial and resource planning which will improve the educational experience of both current and future pupils. If the two form entry proposal is not approved the school would revert to a 45 intake, this would still result in a need for 14 classes with only the funding for 45 pupils having a detrimental financial effect.

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Headteacher

Radyr Primary School

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To whom it may concern,

Re: 21st Century Schools Consultation- the provision of additional English-medium primary school places at Radyr Primary School.

We write in response to the current consultation on proposals to expand Radyr Primary School to become a permanent two-form entry school.

Over recent years, we have found it necessary to represent individual constituents living in the Radyr community who find that the local education authority has been unable to allocate a place at a local school for their child's education. There have been examples where this has extended to children who already have a sibling at a Radyr school.

We have long argued for a permanent solution which recognises the impact on demand for school places of house expansion in the area. We are therefore fully supportive of these proposals by the local authority, and would be grateful if these representations could be taken into account when coming to a final decision.

Yours sincerely,

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CONSULTATION RESPONSE FORM (The provision of additional English-medium primary school places at Radyr Primary School)

Your views matter, please tell us what you think about the proposal by:

Completing and returning the accompanying questionnaire to the address given at the bottom of the form.

Completing the on line response form at www.cardiff.gov.uk/21stcenturyschools

Or if you prefer you can e-mail your views to: schoolresponses@cardiff.gov.uk

Please note that all comments sent in writing or by e-mail must contain the full name and full postal address of the person making the comments.

The closing date for responses to this consultation is 21 November 2016. Unfortunately no responses received after this date can be considered by the Council.

Responses received from consultees who are opposed to the proposal will be considered as part of the consultation report, but will **not** be treated as statutory objections. Objections could only be registered following publication of a **statutory notice**.

Any responses received can be requested under the Freedom of Information Act and may have to be made public, however any information that would identify an individual such as an e-mail address, name or postal address would be removed.

Do you support the proposal to provide additional English-medium primary school places at Radyr Primary School from 2017?

Yes

No

If you do not support the proposal, please give your reasons together with any changes or alternatives that you would like to suggest.

Do you wish to make any other comments?

The birthrate in the catchment area makes it essential that the annual intake is increased to 60 at Radyr Primary School.

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Date:

- Your status: Parent
 Governor
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 Member of Staff
 Other (please specify)

LOCAL COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Thank you for your comments

Please tick the box below if you wish to be notified of publication of the consultation report

Please return this form to the School Organisation Planning Team, Room 422, County Hall, CF10 4UW by 21 November 2016.

