



## 1. THE PROPOSAL

Kent County Council would like to expand Challock Primary School by 10 places per year group, taking the total capacity of the school from 140 to 210 places. The school would then admit 30 pupils per year; the first annual intake of 30 pupils would be from September 2012. As the roll increases pupils would have the advantage of being taught in single age classes.

Challock Primary School is popular - over 70 families applied for the 20 year R places for September 2011; 28 as first preferences. The last Ofsted report (February 2009) showed the school to be "good with outstanding features". Expansion is therefore in line with the expectation of expanding popular, successful schools. The Governing Body is in full support of the proposal.

We have asked the school to admit 30 pupils into Year R in September 2011 to help address pressures in Ashford Town and the surrounding villages. The school will be provided with additional classroom accommodation to support the expansion.

We are undertaking a public consultation to seek the views of the wider community on this proposal. There will be a public meeting on 11 July 2011 which will give you the opportunity to make your views known and to ask any questions you may have. There is a form at the end of this document which we ask you to complete and return to us by 26 July 2011.

## 2. THE NEED FOR ADDITIONAL SCHOOL PLACES

The school planning data contained in Table 1 on page 4 shows that there are currently 21 spare primary school places within four miles of Challock Primary School. Forecasts show that there will be a shortfall of 66 places by 2014. Table 2 shows forecast figures for children aged 4 years old in the area (ie Reception aged pupils). There is a current shortfall of 3 places and forecasts show this shortfall increasing to 15 places by 2014.

## 3. WHAT HAPPENS NEXT

Following the Consultation, all views received, either by post, e-mail or at the Public Meeting, will be reported to the School Organisation Advisory Board.*	7 Sep 2011
The Cabinet Member decides whether to continue with the proposal. If so, a Public Notice will be published in a local newspaper, at the school and in public places like the library. During this time comments and objections can be made about the proposal. The Public Notice will run for 6 weeks.	Public Notice: 7 Oct 2011 - 17 Nov 2011
The Cabinet Member considers all responses made and makes a decision whether to go ahead.	Dec 2011
If a decision cannot be made by the Local Authority then the matter will go to the Adjudicator.	Dec 2011 - Feb 2012
Implementation	Sept 2012

\* The School Organisation Advisory Board meeting is held at County Hall, Maidstone and the webcast can be watched via the kent.gov.uk website. **The meeting is open to the Public.**

## 4. HOW TO GIVE YOUR VIEWS

### Complete and return the response form to:

Simon Webb, Area Education Officer, c/o Mid Kent Office, Kroner House, Eurogate Business Park, Ashford, Kent TN24 8XU Fax: (01233) 898500

**Come to the Public Meeting** at the school on 11 July 2011 at 7pm.

**Email your comments to:** school.consultations@kent.gov.uk

**(We will note all you say, but will not be able to respond individually to response forms, letters or emails).**

Kent County Council is a data controller under the Data Protection Act 1998 and will comply with the requirements of the Act at all times. We will ensure that your personal information is processed fairly and lawfully and in this instance used only for the purpose of validation, which will enable a fair and just consultation.



### Public Consultation Response Form : Challock Primary School

*Please return no later than 5pm on Tuesday 26 July 2011*

**You can also email your views to:** school.consultations@kent.gov.uk

**Do you agree with the proposal?** Yes  No

I am: \*A Parent/Carer; Member of Staff; Governor; Student; Other interested party

.....(please state). \* Please delete as appropriate

Name:
Address: