

**‘INVITATION TO BID’
Public Notice**

Notice is given in accordance with section 7(1) of the Education and Inspections Act 2006 that Kent County Council invites proposals to establish a new mainstream primary school and nursery to open on 1 September 2010.

The new school will provide 210 places for boys and girls between the ages of 4 and 11 years. The admission number for the school on the opening date will be 30. In addition, 26 full time equivalent nursery places will be provided for pre-school aged pupils. The nursery facility will be attached to the school, but will run separately as either a private, voluntary registered or independent nursery. It will offer full day care either for children aged 0 to 4 years, or 2 to 4 years. The specific age-range to be offered will depend upon local demand and the business case.

The school will be situated on the Repton Park development in Ashford¹, which is situated adjacent to Templer Way, Ashford, Kent. A single school site has been identified within the development boundary. The school will be built to primarily serve the new community from Repton Park and neighbouring developments and will seek to provide a high quality learning provision for this new community. The majority of pupils to attend the new school will live within one mile of the development. It will be fully accessible and will increase the range of provision available to pupils with a physical disability and will admit pupils with special educational needs.

The new school will be built in the early stages of the Repton Park development and will secure a sustainable community through developing and maintaining a range of extended services in this locality (ranging from childcare through the on-site nursery to study support, out of hours clubs, adult learning and signposting to other support services). It will be a school at the heart of its community. The school site is adjoined by land set aside for other community facilities (community hall, playing field, and health facility). Proposals that seek to integrate these facilities to provide a cohesive community provision would be welcomed.

Upon result of the competition, the Local Authority will transfer their interest in the site, buildings or premises to the school's trustees, foundation body, or governing body, as appropriate.

In order to achieve the opening date of September 2010 the Local Authority will commission the building of the school. It will be built as a 1FE (hybrid) school. This means it will have the necessary central infrastructure to enable it to expand through the addition of classrooms to 2FE as and when the pupil demand requires. The site and the capital costs of this development have been provided by the Developer. The estimated capital costs of providing the 1FE school and nursery will be £3m. The remaining developer contributions may be used at a later date to enable expansion to 2FE subject to demand.

The complete invitation notice states what information must be included in a proposal made in response to this published summary invitation notice. Copies of the complete invitation notice can be obtained by contacting **David Adams, Area Education Officer, Kent County Council, Kroner House, Eurogate Business Park, Ashford, Kent TN24 8XU** from <http://www.kent.gov.uk/education-and-learning/about-education-service/consultations>.

If you wish to submit a proposal in response to this invitation notice, it should be sent to: **David Adams, Area Education Officer, Kent County Council, Kroner House, Eurogate Business Park, Ashford, Kent TN24 8XU**.

The deadline for receipt of proposals is 9 September 2008.

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¹ A location and site map of the Repton Park development can be obtained from the Local Authority by contacting David Adams, Area Education Officer, Kent County Council, Kroner House, Eurogate Business Park, Ashford, Kent TN24 8XU.

Explanatory notes:

1. This notice provides potential promoters with the opportunity of submitting proposals to the Local Authority for setting up a new school. Any promoter interested in submitting a proposal during this bid period should access the 'Guide for those responding to a competition for a new school in the national *'Department for Children, Schools and Families'* website.
2. Ashford is a designated growth area with 30,000 new houses planned for the period up to 2030. Repton Park is a major site where 83 replacement dwellings have been built and planning permission has been granted for 1250 new homes on the site. The developer contribution (S106) agreement has recently been signed off.
3. The Repton Park development commenced in early 2008.

