

Public Notice

Second Public Notice summarising a bid for a new primary school

In response to the notice issued by Kent County Council on 9 May 2008 which sought proposers for a new maintained primary school in Repton Park, Templar Way, Ashford TN23 3HA, one proposal was received. In accordance with, Section 7 (5) of the Education and Inspections Act 2006, the proposal is summarised below.

A group of individuals¹ propose to establish a new foundation School which will be included in the Homewood School Trust² (subject to approval of its formation). The new school will have a published admissions number of 30 per year group, thereby providing 210 places for boys and girls aged between 4 to 11 years. The opening date will be 1 September 2010. A separate 26 place nursery facility will be created and run as a separate legal entity by the Trust. This proposal conformed to the specification issued by the Local Authority.

The school will co-operate with the Local Authority in organising admissions. Where there are more applications for admission than places available, places will be allocated in line with following prioritised oversubscription criteria: 1. Learners in Local Authority Care, 2. Learners with siblings in school at the time of entry, 3. Learners with health and special access reasons, and 4. Proximity of the learner's home to school distance as measured by the shortest available walking route.

The proposed ethos of the school will be based on the philosophical model, currently in place at Homewood School, with the principles of Belonging, Respect and Learning at its centre. The school will be a 'learning community' made up of learners, staff, parents and carers. Learning is to be delivered through personalised programmes which will provide opportunities that are reflective of need and aspiration irrespective of age and ability. Every member of the school community will be treated with respect and will feel a sense of belonging. The school will not have any religious affiliation. The Homewood School Trust would support the ethos of the school and in meeting the needs of all pupils.

It is proposed that the new school would develop and maintain a range of extended services which would meet the needs of its community. It will be a school at the heart of its community with a major emphasis on family learning and community cohesion. The range of extended services on the school site will be representative of the model currently in operation at Homewood school (of which the promoters are governors). Homewood School and Sixth Form Centre has a national reputation for its extended services and has been accredited with 'Advanced Status' for the planning, development, delivery and evaluation of its extended services.

A complete copy of the proposal can be obtained from David Adams, Area Children's Services Officer, Kent County Council, Kroner House, Eurogate Business Park, Ashford, Kent TN24 8XU or at <http://www.kent.gov.uk/publications/education-and-learning/repton-park-consultation-documents.htm>

A public meeting to discuss this proposal is to be held at St Teresa's Catholic Primary School, Quantock Drive, Ashford Kent TN24 8QN on Wednesday 1 October at 7pm. The proposers will be present to answer any questions.

Within six weeks of the date of publication of this proposal any person may object to, or make comments on the proposal by sending their representations to the County Council (via David Adams at the address above).

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¹ The individuals are also governors of Homewood School and Sixth Form Centre. They are Mr W Cotterell (Principal of Homewood School), Mrs J Kirk, and Mr M Frey (Chair and Vice-Chair of Homewood School respectively).

² The Homewood School Trust has not yet been formed. In addition to the three individuals in 1 above, potential partners could include global business partners (which already work with Homewood School), secondary maintained and independent schools, and a higher education institution.