

Kent County Council (KCC) is proposing to make prescribed alterations to St Nicholas (Community Special) School, Holme Oak Close, Nunnery Fields, Canterbury, CT1 3JJ to:

- permanently increase the designated number of the school from 200 to 285 for September 2019;
- create Secondary satellite provision at Spires Academy for September 2019;
- create Primary satellite provision at The Canterbury Primary School for September 2019.

Consultation drop-in session for parents/carers, governors, and members of staff held at St Nicholas School on Wednesday 6 June 2018

Summary of the Meeting

The drop in Session was facilitated by Daniel Lewis, Headteacher; Nigel Wooton, Chair of Governors; Lorraine Medwin, KCC Area Schools Organisation Officer and Jane Wiles, KCC Area Schools Organisation Officer.

The sessions was attended by parents, governors and staff.

Comments and Questions	Responses
Parent: How many children will there be in in the satellite classes?	Headteacher: Each satellite will have two classrooms and there will be up to 8 pupils in each class.
Parent: What will the criteria be for a place in a satellite and what opportunities will there be for integration?	Headteacher: The satellite provision will be suitable for the academically more able. It will provide opportunities for St Nicholas' pupils to see good models of learning and socialising, in their own classroom and the mainstream school classrooms. The children will always be supervised by St Nicholas staff. At playtimes the children will have the choice of staying in the classroom or going to the playground.
Parent: Will the children attending The Canterbury Primary School satellite have the opportunity to take the 11+?	Headteacher: No, our pupils have learning difficulties and it would not be appropriate.
Parent/Governor: What will the transport options be and who will co-ordinate this?	Headteacher: The transport arrangements will be co-ordinated by a senior member of staff. When we know which children will be attending the satellites, transport arrangements will be agreed.
Parent/Governor: How will the move to a satellite be organised?	Headteacher: This is all about getting the best learning opportunities for our pupils to make good progress. The school will get the children ready for transfer to a satellite if that is agreed with parents. When it comes to secondary transfer, we will look at what would be the most suitable option for the children. Spires Academy will be able to take the children from the primary satellites.

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<p>Parent: Will specialist interventions that are available at St Nicholas School be available for the children in the satellites?</p>	<p>Headteacher: Yes, if that is what is required for the pupil's learning profile.</p>
<p>Parent/Governor: How has the travelling time been for those children already attending one of St Nicholas' satellite classes?</p>	<p>Headteacher: This has worked OK. The children attending the Chartham Primary School satellite go straight there and then come by mini bus to St Nicholas for events, etc. Those attending a secondary inclusion class come first to St Nicholas. Any therapy provision for individual pupils will need to be worked out.</p>
<p>Chair of Governors: Mr Wooton spoke about the success of the Chatham Primary School satellite provision and the secondary inclusion classes that are already in operation. The governing body has been monitoring and visiting the satellite and inclusion classes and this has enabled governors to strengthen their relationship with all the governing bodies.</p>	