

## **Proposals to increase the pupil numbers of Dinnington First School**

Newcastle City Council, People Directorate, Civic Centre, Newcastle upon Tyne, NE1 8QH.

1. Notice is hereby given, in accordance with S19(2)(b)(ii) of the Education and Inspections Act 2006 that Newcastle City Council intends to enlarge the premises to increase the capacity of Dinnington First School, Dinnington, Newcastle upon Tyne NE13 7JY (no. 391/2000) from 1 September 2019.
2. To enable the school to expand to the proposed capacity, the school premises will be rebuilt on the existing site, to a size that can accommodate the proposed increase in pupil places.
3. The demand for school places across Newcastle has been growing rapidly and will continue to do so owing to an increase in school age children and growth from existing and planned housing developments.
4. The Local Authority has a statutory duty to provide enough good school places for the children in the city, and has been working with schools and trusts across Gosforth to create more school places, where possible. To meet demand, additional places have already been created in three first schools and one middle school. More places are forecast to be required by 2020.
5. 400+ new homes are expected to be constructed in the next 5+ years across three sites in Dinnington, and a further 500+ in the surrounding area. Additional pupil places are required to support the anticipated demand from families moving into the new housing developments in the village and the surrounding areas.
6. It is proposed that Dinnington First School should increase from a one form entry to a two form entry school. This means that up to 60 places will be available in each year group and that the total capacity of the school will increase from 150 pupil places to 300 pupil places. It is expected that the school will admit up to 60 pupils into reception class in 2019 and that it will grow from there onwards. As at present, there will also be a 26 place nursery class which could provide up to 52 part-time places.
7. The Dinnington First School building is being replaced on its existing site by the Department for Education (DfE) through the Priority Schools Building Programme. The new building is expected to be completed in spring/summer 2019. The DfE will fund the replacement of the school at its current size but they have agreed that the LA's plans to enlarge the building to support the move from a one form entry to a two form entry school can be incorporated into their build programme. The Local Authority believes that providing the additional accommodation in this way provides value for money and means that construction can be completed in one phase rather than incrementally over a longer period. There is space to replace and expand the building on the existing site. The DfE will appoint the contractors and will oversee the delivery of the new school building.

8. Funding for additional school places for primary aged children has been secured from housing developers in Dinnington and the surrounding areas, to support the cost of the expansion of Dinnington First School and or other such schools that meet the needs of the developments.
9. The proposal is subject to planning permission being agreed for the larger school.
10. Copies of this proposal may be obtained from the Headteacher of Dinnington First School, on the school website <http://www.dinnington.newcastle.sch.uk/> or by emailing [schoolinfo@newcastle.gov.uk](mailto:schoolinfo@newcastle.gov.uk)
11. Anyone can object to or comment on these proposals by writing to Deb Tyler at Newcastle City Council Services to Schools, People Directorate, Civic Centre, NE1 8QH, or email: [schoolinfo@newcastle.gov.uk](mailto:schoolinfo@newcastle.gov.uk) by 17 November 2017.

Signed: Authorised Officer, Newcastle City Council

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