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Buckinghamshire County Council and Maids Moreton CE School governors are consulting on the following proposal to sustain the long term future of the school:

**Expansion of Maids Moreton CE School from an Infant School (Ages 4-7)
to a Combined Primary School (Ages 4-11)**

Consultation to increase the age range from 4-7 to 4-11 years with the change to the admission number from 30 to 15.

Background

Maids Moreton CE School is currently a school for pupils aged 4-7 with a maximum yearly intake number of 30. From September 2020, the school would like to decrease the admission number from 30 to 15 and from September 2021, increase the age range from 4-7 to 4-11.

Maids Moreton CE School provides a high quality of education, as endorsed by OFSTED [2017] and SIAMS [Statutory Inspection of Anglican and Methodist Schools] and is held in high regard by parents, pupils and the local community. Many of our parents have expressed a desire for the school to offer education for the full primary age range from 4-11. Under our proposal, children would be able to stay at Maids Moreton CE School until the age of 11, before moving on to secondary school. This would be a gradual process with children moving up through the school. Full capacity would not be reached until September 2024. The proposal would apply to those pupils currently in our Reception class, and subsequent intakes.

Proposal

Our proposal for a sustainable future is to move to a half form entry model up to Year 6. In September 2020 our admission number would reduce from 30 to 15 and we would have our first Year 3 class in September 2021. [the current Reception class]. The conversion process would take five years to reach full capacity. We would eventually run 4 classes:

Reception

Key Stage 1: Year One/Two

Lower Key Stage 2: Year Three/Four

Upper Key Stage 2: Year Five/Six.

What are the advantages for our school community?

- ▶ To ensure the long term viability, security and stability of our village school.
- ▶ To meet parental demand: Parents have repeatedly indicated that they would like the school to expand to Key Stage 2.
- ▶ To remove uncertainty for parents and pupils, offering educational continuity from ages 4-11 years.
- ▶ To create larger peer groups for pupils to socialise and learn from each other.
- ▶ To deliver improved facilities for our children.
- ▶ To provide the only Church of England Primary school provision for pupils and their parents within walking distance of Buckingham.
- ▶ To enable siblings to stay at the same school, making drop off and pick up more convenient for parents.
- ▶ To retain the small school community ethos of our school.
- ▶ To maintain the school as a focal point of village life.

Why are we consulting now?

We are keen to understand the views of our local community on the proposal and so, as per best practice recommended by the Department for Education, we have incorporated a period of consultation into the decision making process. The consultation will run from 3rd June 2019 until 5pm on 22nd July 2019.

What are the next stages in the process?

Responses will be received throughout the consultation process which ends at 5pm on 22nd July 2019. These will be analysed and the school will publish the outcome on the school website. Further information regarding the process can be found in the Q and A document below.

How can I respond to the consultation?

Please complete the attached consultation response form and return it to school at the address above for the attention of Mr David Owen, Chair of Governors. Alternatively, please email us at office@maidsmoreton.bucks.sch.uk We actively encourage and welcome your views on our proposal. Should you have any additional queries, please contact us.

Thank you for your interest.

Mr David Owen

Miss Keira Ainsworth

Chair of Governors

Head Teacher

3rd June 2019

To the Planning Committee:

Name[Please print]

I am: [please tick all that apply]

- A parent of a child at Maids Moreton CE School
- A prospective parent of pre-school age child
- A close neighbour of the School
- A member of the local community
- A member of the school staff
- A member of the school governing board
- Other [Please specify].....

I am in favour of Maids Moreton CE School’s proposal to increase the age range from 4-7 to 4-11 with the change to the admission number from 30 to 15.

YES/NO [please delete as appropriate]

Please state your reasons below:

Current Reception class parents only:

I am the parent of a pupil in the current Reception class and would like my child to continue at Maids Moreton CE School until the end of Year 6. Y/N