



Maids Moreton CE School
Avenue Road
Maids Moreton
MK18 1QA

Tel: 01280 812058

Email: office@maidsmoreton.bucks.sch.uk

Headteacher: Miss. Keira Ainsworth

18 September 2020

Dear Consultee,

Buckinghamshire Council and the school's Governing Board are consulting on a proposal to secure the long-term future of Maids Moreton CE School.

Under Department for Education statutory guidance when there is a proposal to expand the age range of a school a four week representation period has to be held for people to comment on, support or object to the proposed change.

This is the final stage of the consultation on the proposal to extend the age range of the school so that existing children and new cohorts would be able to remain at the school until the end of Key Stage 2 i.e. Year 6 [aged 11]. As we outlined in our earlier consultation, the school's admission number would be reduced from 30 to 15 children per year group. [a half form entry model]. This took affect from December 2019. The conversion would be a gradual process with children moving up through the school. Full capacity would not be reached until September 2024.

In our new model, we would run four classes:

Reception: [single year group class: maximum 15 children]

Three mixed aged classes with maximum 15 per year group:

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.

Buckinghamshire Council have secured sufficient capital funding and planning permission for the necessary building to take place to accommodate Key Stage 2 pupils and planning permission has been granted for the additional accommodation which will include an enlarged hall, an additional classroom, an expanded library and improved facilities for staff. This work would secure improved facilities at Maids Moreton CE School and enhance its appeal to new parents.

We are sure that you may have some questions about the proposal and to this end we have put some additional information on the school website www.maidsmoreton.bucks.sch.uk Please read this information and then comment on, support or object to the proposal.

Attached to this letter is a consultation response form and we hope that you will take the time to respond, as your views are important. The proposal is an exciting opportunity for the school to move forward and to provide a high quality education for the children at Maids Moreton. We hope that you will respond to the representation period and we will let you know the outcome and the next steps. Please respond by 5pm on Friday 16 October 2020.

Yours sincerely,

Keira Ainsworth
Headteacher

David Owen
Chairman of Governors

