

**PROPOSAL TO MAKE A PRESCRIBED ALTERATION TO
MALPAS ALPORT ENDOWED PRIMARY SCHOOL
Chester Road, Malpas, Cheshire, SY14 8PY**

School and Local Authority Details

This proposal to make a prescribed alteration to Malpas Alport Endowed Primary School, Chester Road, Malpas, Cheshire, SY14 8PY from 1 September 2018 is being published by Cheshire West and Chester Borough Council, HQ Building, 58 Nicholas St, Chester, CH1 2NP. Contact Name and Address: Carolyn Davis, Senior Manager, Education Infrastructure (Nicholas House Floor 3), 4 Civic Way, Ellesmere Port, CH65 0BE

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The Proposal

It is proposed to permanently expand the school from a capacity of 210 places to 315 places from September 2018.

Consultation

An informal public consultation was carried out by the Governing Body of the school during the period 5 November 2015 to 3 December 2015. A public meeting was held at the school on 26 November 2015. The outcome of the Governing Body's consideration of the consultation was reported to Cheshire West and Chester Borough Council's Director of Education on 28 February 2017 who determined that the proposal should proceed to the formal process of Notice and Representation.

Any person or organisation may submit comments to the Council on the proposal and these must be taken into account by the decision-maker who will be the Cabinet Member for Children and Young People. The decision must be made in accordance with statutory guidance.

Description of alteration and evidence of demand

It is proposed that the school is permanently enlarged, adding a total of 105 places, increasing the published admission number of the school from 30 to 45 for Reception Year entry September 2018 from which date it is proposed up to 45 pupils might be admitted into each year group. The school would be provided with additional classrooms to accommodate the expansion. It is proposed that additional accommodation be provided to ensure an adequate infrastructure for the increased numbers, it is proposed that this will include an extension to the existing hall.

Analysis of future demand for school places captured through collation of school planning data that analyses local birth rates, recent and proposed housing developments and patterns of parental preference suggests that this provision is required to ensure a local sufficiency of primary school places. The school is

currently over-subscribed in five out of seven of its year groups. A future shortfall of places in all seven year groups is forecast. The creation of additional places will enable more children to attend the school of their parent's preference.

Objective

This proposal seeks to ensure that all children are able to access a local school of their parent's preference that is judged by Ofsted to be 'Good' or 'Outstanding'. Ofsted consider this to be a 'Good' school.

In order to meet community needs the school is currently operating with classes of up to 41 pupils. The school and the Council consider such class sizes to be detrimental to the ability to sustain education of the quality that the school currently provides and the standard that the school aspires to achieve. Implementation of the proposal will enable the school to progressively move towards organising learning around a class size of 30 pupils.

The effect on other schools, academies and educational institutions within the area

It is not considered that this will have a negative impact upon the other school, Tushingham with Grindley CE Primary School, in the local school planning area (as used by the Education Funding Agency for the purpose of school place planning) as this school is 2.368 miles away (straight-line distance) and primarily draws children from Shropshire. The next nearest school in an adjacent planning area is Tilston Parochial CE Primary School which is also forecast to be fully subscribed in future years.

Project costs and indication of how these will be met, including how long term value for money will be achieved:

The total budget for the project is currently set at £1.51m, this includes the cost of purchasing 'School House' to provide an additional footprint for development and additional outdoor space. Appropriate funding has been identified within the Education Funding Agency Basic Needs funded element of Cheshire West and Chester Borough Council's capital programme. Building works will be procured through a process of competitive tender.

Implementation and any proposed stages for implementation

It is anticipated that if this proposal is approved by the Cabinet Member for Children and Young People a scheme of building works will be procured and completed to enable occupancy of the expanded school from 1 September 2018. The proposal remains subject to planning permission.

It is proposed that up to 45 children might be admitted into each year group from September 2018 allowing the school to grow to a capacity of 315 places.

The proposal is subject to gaining planning consent to a scheme of works that would enable the necessary enlargement and remodelling of the school's accommodation.

The procedure for responses: support; objections and comments

A notice of the proposal will be published on the Cheshire West and Chester Borough Council's website on Tuesday 18 April 2017.

www.cheshirewestandchester.gov.uk/malpasprimaryconsultation

This will be publicised through a notice published in the Whitchurch Herald on Wednesday 19 April 2017.

Within four weeks from the date of publication on the Council's website, any person may send in a response supporting, objecting or commenting on the proposal;

- By sending a response to the Senior Manager, Education Infrastructure, Cheshire West and Chester Borough Council, (Nicholas House Floor 3), 4 Civic Way, Ellesmere Port, CH65 0BE
- By email to schoolplanningandpolicy@cheshirewestandchester.gov.uk

The closing date for objections and comments is midnight on Monday 15 May 2017