

About you...

We want to make sure that everyone is treated fairly and equally and that no one gets left out. That's why we ask you these questions. We won't share the information you give us with anyone else. We will only use it to help us make decisions and make our services better.

If you would rather not answer any of these questions, you don't have to.

Q5. Are you.....? Male Female Prefer not to say

Q6. How old are you?

Q7. What is your postcode?

Q8. Which of these ethnic backgrounds do you feel you belong to? (Your ethnic background is about lots of things like where your family comes from and the language you speak.)

White	Mixed	Asian or Asian British	Black or Black British
<input type="checkbox"/> British	<input type="checkbox"/> White & Black Caribbean	<input type="checkbox"/> Indian	<input type="checkbox"/> Caribbean
<input type="checkbox"/> Irish	<input type="checkbox"/> White & Black African	<input type="checkbox"/> Pakistani	<input type="checkbox"/> African
<input type="checkbox"/> Gypsy/Roma	<input type="checkbox"/> White & Asian	<input type="checkbox"/> Bangladeshi	<input type="checkbox"/> Other*
<input type="checkbox"/> Irish Traveller	<input type="checkbox"/> Other*	<input type="checkbox"/> Other*	
<input type="checkbox"/> Other*	<input type="checkbox"/> Arab	<input type="checkbox"/> Chinese	<input type="checkbox"/> Prefer not to say

***Other Ethnic Group** If your ethnic group was not specified in the list please describe your ethnic group:

Q9. Would you say that you have a disability? (A disability is if you have a problem or illness to do with your mind or body and it makes it hard for you to do everyday things.)

Yes No Prefer not to say

Q10. If you answered yes to Q9, please tell us what problems you face. You may have more than one type, so please select all that apply. If none of these apply to you please select other and give brief details.

- A disability to do with your body (like problems walking, moving, getting around...)
- Problems with hearing or seeing
- Having a bad illness for a long time (like cancer, epilepsy, HIV or another serious sickness)
- Mental health problems (This is a problem to do with your mind and the way you feel. For example, if you feel upset, worried or angry a lot)
- Learning difficulties
- I do not want to say
- Something else, please specify

Q11. Do you regard yourself as belonging to any particular religion or belief?

Yes No Prefer not to say

Q12. If you answered yes to Q11 which one?

- Christian
- Hindu
- Muslim
- Any other religion, please specify
- Buddhist
- Jewish
- Sikh

Thank you for providing this information

Public consultation on a proposal to increase the size of Meridian Community Primary School

Consulation period

Friday 6 May 2016 to Friday 10 June 2016

What is the proposal?

East Sussex County Council is proposing to permanently enlarge Meridian Community Primary School from 420 places to 630 places from September 2018. Once enlarged, the school would be able to admit 90 children in each year group from Reception to Year 6.

We are consulting with pupils, parents and carers, staff, other local schools and trade unions. We are also consulting with a wide range of other groups including the Town Council, the District Council, the local MP, the Church of England and Catholic dioceses and the wider local community.

We welcome your views on this proposal. East Sussex County Council will take into account all the views put forward before a decision is made by the Lead Member for Education and Inclusion, Special Educational Needs and Disability on whether to continue with the proposal to enlarge the school.

Why do we need to enlarge Meridian?

There is an increasing demand for school places in Peacehaven and the surrounding areas. In recent years births in the Peacehaven area have risen from 175 in academic year 2003/04 to 254 in 2013/14. There are also plans to build around 900 new homes in Peacehaven and Telscombe between 2015 and 2030.

East Sussex County Council has a legal duty to make sure there are enough school places to meet current and future need. We wish to make the school larger from September 2018 to meet the increasing need for places.

How would the school be enlarged?

To support the enlargement of the school, the premises would be extended to provide additional classrooms and associated facilities. The building works would be planned carefully and contractors would work with the school to ensure that disruption is kept to an absolute minimum. The building site would be a secure area to make sure children, staff, parents and visitors to the school are kept safe.

The design and planning process for the building work would include a public information event, giving people an opportunity to view the plans, ask questions and make comments before a planning application is submitted. Concerns relating to parking and traffic can be raised at the event and as part of the planning process which is subject to a separate consultation.

How quickly would the school fill with extra children?

The school would grow gradually between September 2018 and September 2025 as it fills from Reception Year upwards. The school would reach capacity when it has 90 children in each year group from Reception to Year 6 – a total of 630 children taught in 21 classrooms.

What happens next?

This consultation closes on 10 June 2016. The Lead Member for Education and Inclusion, Special Educational Needs and Disability will consider the consultation responses and decide whether to take the proposal forward to make the school larger.

If it is decided to continue with the proposal we would publish a statutory notice in the local newspaper, probably in July 2016. This would be followed by another 4-week period of consultation (known as the representation period). A final decision on the proposal would probably be taken in September 2016.

If it is decided not to make the school larger other options will have to be looked at for the whole of the Peacehaven area to make sure there are enough places available. This may mean some children will have to travel further to school.

How do I have my say?

Tell us your views by **Friday 10 June 2016**

You can do this by:

- completing the attached survey and returning it in the envelope provided as directed below
- completing the online survey at: www.eastsussex.gov.uk/yourcouncil/haveyoursay
- emailing the County Council at school.consultations@eastsussex.gov.uk

Consultation – Response form

The proposal is to permanently enlarge Meridian Community Primary School from 420 places to 630 places from September 2018. Once enlarged, the school would be able to admit 90 children in each year group from Reception to Year 6.

Please complete this response form and return it to the address at the bottom of the page by **Friday 10 June 2016**.

Q1. Do you understand these proposals? The changes that are proposed have been clearly explained
(please select only one)

- Yes
 No
 Don't know

Q2. Will the proposal impact on you and your family. If so, how? (Please use a separate sheet if necessary)

Q3. Please give us your views on the proposal and/or any options you think the Council should consider
(Please use a separate sheet if necessary)

Q4. Are you a...?

- Pupil at Meridian Community Primary School
 Parent / carer of a child at Meridian Community Primary School
 Member of staff at Meridian Community Primary School
 Member of the governing body at Meridian Community Primary School
 Member of the local community
 Other (please say).....

Once completed, please

- tear off this page along the dotted line
- return it either to the school or to the FREEPOST address below

Responses must be received by Friday 10 June 2016

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