

# Alderbrook School

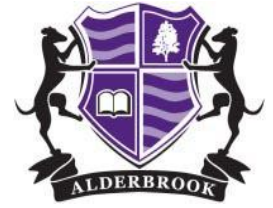
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Dear Parents and Carers

## Consultation on the proposal to expand Alderbrook School

This letter is to invite your views and comments on the proposed expansion of Alderbrook School.

We are proposing to increase the number of pupils admitted in Years 7 to 11 from 250 to 280. This would be implemented by admitting one additional class of 30 pupils in Year 7, every year for 5 years. The number of pupils we can currently cater for is 1500 and it is proposed that this will increase to 1650, an increase of 150 pupils in total. The proposed expansion will take place from September 2022, but the school has agreed to exceed its admission number, for one year, in September 2021.

The proposed expansion is in response to a request from Solihull Council to provide more school places in order to meet the rising demand from Solihull families due to apply for secondary school places in the coming years. The Council's School Organisation Plan 2020 outlines the requirements for school places in Solihull and on 22 February, the Cabinet Member for Children, Education & Skills considered the particular proposal for Alderbrook School.

We do not intend to make any amendments to our current admissions policy; we are simply proposing the creation of more school places at the school.

As building work is required for the school to expand, the Council will be submitting a planning application for the proposed changes and all normal planning processes will apply to this proposal. Views and comments received as part of this consultation will be used to shape the future planning application.

Any capital costs for internal modifications or the additional new building to accommodate the increased numbers will be funded by the Council. A significant investment of around £3 million is proposed to deliver this project. Plans for what is being proposed for the school site can be viewed on the school website. We have also ensured that detailed planning of the required building project results in limited disruption to the normal running of the school. For full details of the proposals please see [here](#).

We now seek your views and comments on our proposal. We shall also inform the local community and other stakeholders in the area.



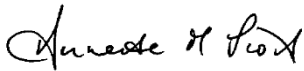
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Consultation begins on Monday 1 March 2021 and continues until **12 noon on Tuesday 6 April**. Full details of what is being proposed can be found on the school website.

Any comments or suggestions about what is being proposed can be made using the consultation response form or you can email your comments to [consultation@alderbrook.solihull.sch.uk](mailto:consultation@alderbrook.solihull.sch.uk). If you wish to send an email please put CONSULTATION ON EXPANSION OF ALDERBROOK in the subject box. If you need paper copies of the consultation documentation, please call school reception on 0121 704 2146. As questions arise, we will frequently update a live FAQ document on the school consultation webpage.

Yours faithfully



**Annette Scott**  
Chair of Governors



**Tom Beveridge**  
Headteacher

