



# THE PEGASUS ACADEMY TRUST



WHITEHORSE MANOR  
INFANT SCHOOL



ECCLESBOURNE  
PRIMARY SCHOOL



WHITEHORSE MANOR  
JUNIOR SCHOOL

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**24<sup>th</sup> April 2013**

## **CONSULTATION DOCUMENT**

### **Consulting you on a proposal to expand Whitehorse Manor Junior School**

Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> April to Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> June

This document sets out:

- Why we need more primary school places in Croydon;
- Why the Pegasus Academy Trust are proposing an expansion of Whitehorse Manor Junior School;
- The expansion proposal;
- How you can give your views;
- The consultation timetable;

### **The school**

Whitehorse Manor Junior School is located on Whitehorse Road, Thornton Heath, CR7 8SB. The school normally admits 3 classes, being 90 Year 3 pupils per year. This document sets out a proposal to make places available for another 30 children per year on a separate site.

### **Why does Croydon need more primary school places?**

Like most London Boroughs, Croydon is facing an unprecedented growth in demand for places. This is driven by:

- An increase in the number of births – by over 31% in the period from 2001 to 2011;
- An increase in the proportion of those born in the borough who need school places five years later. In 2012, 95% of the number born five years earlier came forward for school places. This is an increase of 6% since 2010;
- A continuing flow of population from inner London to the outer London boroughs and a decrease – due to the housing market – in those moving the other way;

Put simply, there are more children and more of them are staying in Croydon. This is particularly the case in the area where Whitehorse Manor is located.

### **Why are we proposing to expand Whitehorse Manor Junior School?**

Enlarging a school is an exciting but challenging task. Croydon Local Authority have approached the Pegasus Academy Trust to join them in a partnership to provide extra school places in this part of the borough. We have considered:

- The popularity and success of Whitehorse Manor Junior School;
- Leadership capacity to ensure that high quality places will be made available;
- The suitability of a new site on Brigstock Road;
- The location – close to areas of high demand;
- Value for money.

Whitehorse Manor Junior School is a popular school with good leadership and governance. The Pegasus Academy Trust have demonstrated that they can successfully operate a multi site group of schools, as evidenced by their work with Ecclesbourne Primary School. For 2013 admission the Trust received 494 applications for the 90 reception places available at Whitehorse Manor Infant School. These children automatically transfer to Whitehorse Manor Junior School on reaching Year 3 age

### **How would the expansion happen?**

If the proposal goes ahead 120 places will be offered to children applying for reception places in September 2013 using the school's normal admissions arrangements. We propose to open a **new annexe of the school at a site on Brigstock Road** which will have all the facilities necessary to accommodate these extra children. We are working with Croydon Council who will build the new facility which will then be operated by the Trust.

The Trust will receive additional funding to employ extra staff and meet the other extra costs associated with the additional children in the new building. Croydon Council is funding the building costs for the new annexe and will sign a development agreement with the Trust stating what facilities will be provided in the new building. As with all the facilities in the Trust, we are looking forward to high quality learning spaces and facilities that meet the needs of the local community. The school would continue to receive an additional class in reception each year, so that by 2019 the school would have an extra 210 pupils in total, with 120 children in every year group.

### **How you can give your views?**

Your views are important to us. You can get in touch with us:

- Complete the attached questionnaire and post it in the consultation box at the school
- Send your comments to [school.org@croydon.gov.uk](mailto:school.org@croydon.gov.uk) or [whjunadmin@pegasusacademytrust.org](mailto:whjunadmin@pegasusacademytrust.org)
- Visit <http://www.croydon.gov.uk/education/schools-new/statnotice-consult/> or <http://www.pegasusacademytrust.org/news/consultation-on-the-expansion-of-whitehorse-manor-Junior-school>

### **What happens after the consultation?**

All the feedback we receive will be collated and reported to the Directors of The Pegasus Academy Trust. The Directors of The Pegasus Academy Trust will make a decision on whether to go ahead, taking account of the pressure on primary places and the consultation feedback. If a decision is made to go ahead The Directors will then apply to the Secretary of State for approval of the expansion scheme.

### **Timetable**

<b>Event</b>	<b>When</b>
Start of consultation	24 <sup>th</sup> April 2013
Deadline for feedback and comments	19 <sup>th</sup> June 2013

## Questionnaire

### 1 Please tell us who you are – tick all that apply

- Parent or carer of a child/children at Whitehorse Manor Junior School
  - Parent or carer of a child/children at another school. Which one?
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- Parent or carer of a child/children not yet of school age
  - A member of staff at Whitehorse Manor Junior School
  - A member of staff at another school. Which one?
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- A local resident
  - Other. Please give more details
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### 2 What is your view of the proposal to expand Whitehorse Manor Junior School to create places for 30 additional pupils each year on a new site on Brigstock Road?

- Strongly in favour
- In favour
- Not sure
- Not in favour
- Strongly against

### 3 Please use the space below to add any other comments or views on the proposal.

## About You

In order to ensure we collect comments from a broad range of people and families reflective of our community it would be helpful if you could take a moment to complete the section below. Many thanks

### Which of the following best describes your ethnic origin?

These categories are based on the 2001 census.

Please tick one box only.

a) White			
British	<input type="checkbox"/>	Irish	<input type="checkbox"/>
Other	<input type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>

b) Mixed heritage			
White & Black Caribbean	<input type="checkbox"/>	White & Black African	<input type="checkbox"/>
Other White & Asian	<input type="checkbox"/>	Other mixed group	<input type="checkbox"/>

c) Asian or Asian British			
Indian	<input type="checkbox"/>	Pakistani	<input type="checkbox"/>
Bangladeshi	<input type="checkbox"/>	Other Asian	<input type="checkbox"/>

d) Black or Black British			
Caribbean	<input type="checkbox"/>	African	<input type="checkbox"/>
Other black background	<input type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>

e) Chinese or other ethnic group			
Chinese	<input type="checkbox"/>	Any other ethnic group (please specify below)	<input type="checkbox"/>

f) Prefer not to say			
<input type="checkbox"/>			

### Do you consider yourself to have a disability (ie a physical or mental impairment which has a substantial and long-term adverse effect on your ability to carry out normal day-to-day activities)? (please tick)

Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	No	<input type="checkbox"/>
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Mobility	<input type="checkbox"/>	Hearing impaired	<input type="checkbox"/>
Visually impaired	<input type="checkbox"/>	Mental health problems	<input type="checkbox"/>
Learning disability	<input type="checkbox"/>	Other (Please specify below)	<input type="checkbox"/>

### Gender identity

Female	<input type="checkbox"/>	Male	<input type="checkbox"/>
Transgender: Male to female	<input type="checkbox"/>	Transgender: Female to male	<input type="checkbox"/>
Prefer not to say	<input type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>

### To which one of the following age groups do you belong? (please tick)

Under 20	<input type="checkbox"/>	20-29	<input type="checkbox"/>
30-39	<input type="checkbox"/>	40-49	<input type="checkbox"/>
50-59	<input type="checkbox"/>	60 and over	<input type="checkbox"/>