



St. Peter's
CE Primary Academy

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Consultation on expansion of St. Peter's CE Primary Academy

Dear Friend of St Peter's,

Below is a proposal and rationale for the expansion of St. Peter's CE Primary Academy in Salisbury. I have already shared details of this plan with headteachers from our part of the city but include further detail here. [Should you wish to comment or raise questions on any element of it, please click this link that will take you to a Microsoft Form.](#) Alternatively, you can email office@stpeters.dsat.org.uk or write to us at the address above. The opportunity to respond to this consultation exercise runs for 4 weeks from Friday 31st March until Friday 28th April. Should you wish to speak to myself or a colleague from the Diocese of Salisbury Academy Trust, we will be available in the main foyer of the school on Tuesday 18th April between 3-4pm. Plans of the proposed building expansion will be available to view (an outline version is below). Thank you for taking the time to engage in the process.

Proposal

As part of Wiltshire's 2023 School Places Strategy, St. Peter's CE Primary Academy has been asked to expand its current capacity from a 1.5-Form-Entry Primary to a 2 Form-Entry Primary. Specifically, funding has been allocated to build four new classrooms, creating 14 in total. The Local Authority proposed this change and the Diocese of Salisbury Academy Trust to which the school belongs, is in support of it. In addition to the funding being released by the Wiltshire Council, it should also be noted that planning consent is already in place. When the school was built 5 years ago, there was always the expectation that the demand for places, because of the expanding housing development, would be such that this expansion would be necessary.

Why are more spaces required on St. Peter's Place?

During our first year of opening, several of our pupils came from outside the catchment area. Our PAN in most year groups was only 15, yet families were able to secure a place from as far away as Tisbury and Redlynch because places were not filled by local children. However, since September 2019, almost all our in-year transfers have come from within our catchment area (the only exceptions being pupils with Education Healthcare Plans). Likewise, our Reception Year intake are almost exclusively from the estate. Those that are from out of catchment are siblings of children that joined in our first few years and when you consider that 600-700 homes are yet to be built, clearly there is already pressure for places from families within the estate.



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Why are more spaces required in Salisbury?

The pressure on places at St. Peter's is immediate. According to the School Places Strategy, post 2025 there are unlikely to be sufficient places to meet demand across the whole city. This prediction is based on the 3000 homes yet to be built in West Salisbury over the coming years.

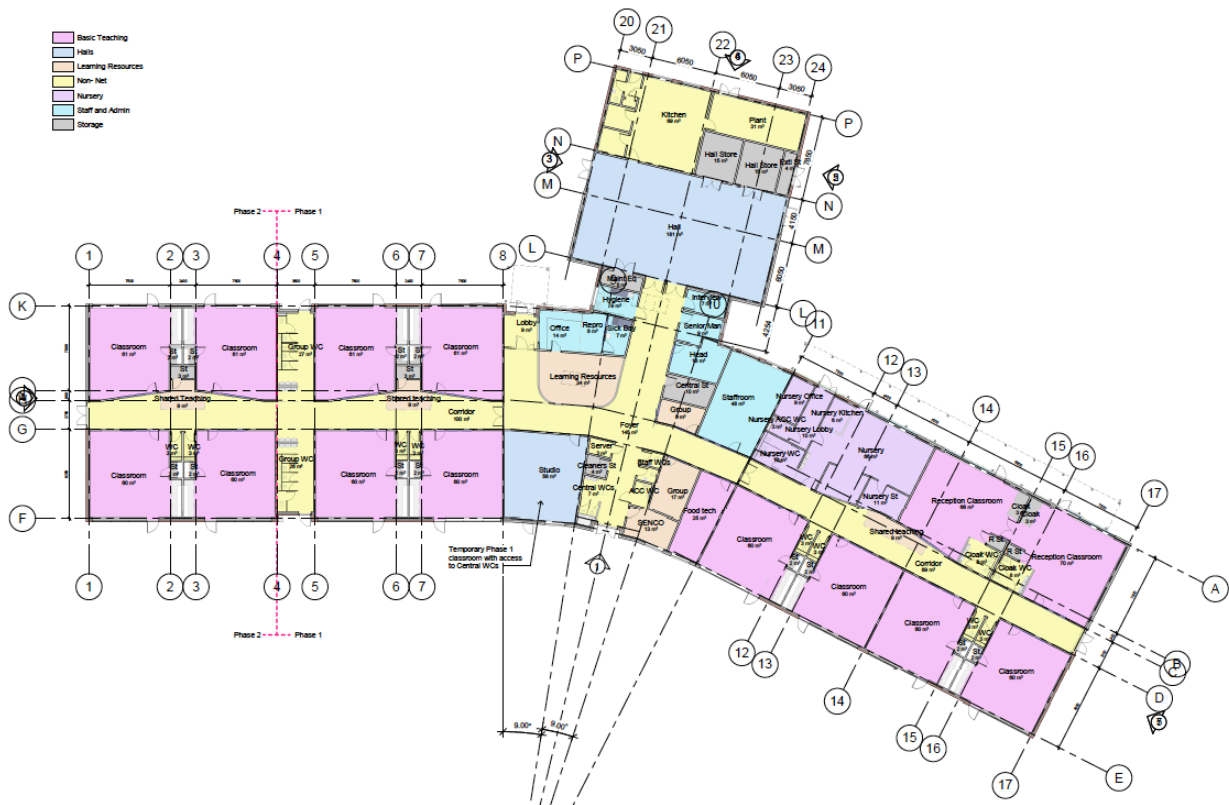
How will we manage the increase in numbers?

From September 2024, the school's Published Admission Number would rise from 45 to 60. The PAN will not be adjusted for other year groups. This will allow gradual growth and fair access to the school for those families that live within the community. Moving to 2 forms of entry makes the planning and delivery of the curriculum much more straightforward as there will no longer be the need for mixed-year classes.

Yours faithfully,

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