

ROTHERHAM BOROUGH COUNCIL – REPORT TO MEMBERS

1.	Meeting:	Cabinet Member and Advisers for Lifelong Learning and Culture
2.	Date:	24th April 2012
3.	Title:	Proposal to increase the Admission Number at Bramley Grange Primary School
4.	Directorate:	Children and Young People's Services

5. Summary

Bramley Grange Primary School has pressure placed on the current accommodation from increasing pupil numbers from within the school's catchment area. Preferences for the school are increasing year on year and future projections confirm this continuation.

The Governing Body have requested to increase its current Admission number from 40 and the School Admissions, Organisation and SEN Assessment Service have advised an increase to 45. This will also be in line with the proposed expansion of Flanderwell Primary School by adding an additional 5 places within the area with effect from 2013/14 onwards. The School is in agreement with the recommendation.

6. Recommendation:

It is recommended that the Cabinet Member for Lifelong Learning and Culture approves the proposal to expand Bramley Grange Primary School by the increase in the school's admission number from 40 to 45 to provide additional school places from 2013/14 onwards to accommodate rising pupil numbers from 1st September 2013.

7. Proposals and Details

The proposal is to increase the School's current admission number of 40 to 45 from September 2013 onwards.

Development of numbers on roll:

SCHOOL(S):

Current Admission Number: 40

Current Net Capacity: 280

Development of Numbers on Roll

YEAR	07/08	08/09	09/10	10/11	11/12	12/13	13/14	14/15
Bramley Grange NOR	274	278	281	279	285	290	289	289

The position in terms of catchment area births is as follows:

Birth figures	Admission Year							
	07/08	08/09	09/10	10/11	11/12	12/13	13/14	14/15
Bramley Grange	47	40	31	47	35	37	39	40

As the Admission number for the school will not be adjusted by more than 25% it is not necessary for a public consultation to be undertaken.

8. Finance

Funding for the additional pupil places will be generated following the annual school census in January and funding allocated based on numbers on roll. There is no requirement for an interim 7/12 allocation to be sought from the Dedicated School's Grant (DSG) via School's Forum.

9. Risks and Uncertainties

There are always risks and uncertainties when school place provision is considered since future pupil numbers and consequently, individual school budget funding, are both based on estimated projections at a point in time. Over provision at one school could have a negative impact on provision at other schools. Local Authorities have a

duty, however, to provide sufficient places, promote diversity and increase parental choice.

10. Policy and Performance Agenda Implications

The major theme supported by the proposal is 'to ensure that everyone has access to skills, knowledge and information to enable them to play their part in society'. It is likely that the expansion would enable more parents to access their catchment area and first preference school for their child and, therefore, increase that performance indicator.

11. Background Papers and Consultation

DfE Guidance for Local Authorities and Governing Bodies - Expanding a maintained mainstream school by enlargement or adding a 6th form.

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