

Gayton Church of England Voluntary Controlled Primary School Statutory Proposal to expand and relocate the school

1. LA details

Norfolk County Council
County Hall
Martineau Lane
Norwich
NR1 2DL

2. School details

Gayton CE VC Primary School
Lynn Road, Gayton
King's Lynn, Norfolk
PE32 1PA

3. Description of alteration and evidence of demand

The proposal is to enlarge the physical capacity of the school from 125 places to 210 places and extend the age range to admit pupils from the age of 4 (i.e. Year R). The admission number will be set at 30. The proposal includes the relocation of the current Gayton Church of England Voluntary Controlled Primary School to a new site south at Winch Road, Gayton, Norfolk.

4. Objectives

In 2010, reorganisation of primary schools in the Grimston Cluster included the provision for Gayton Church of England Voluntary Controlled Infant School to change age range to become a 5 – 11 Primary School from September 2011. To enable this to happen, temporary accommodation was provided at the school and a commitment was made by Norfolk County Council to provide permanent accommodation. This proposal meets that commitment by expanding the capacity and by relocating to a new site in the village.

(The proposal to change the age range to 5 – 11 primary status was subject to a full consultation exercise which ran from autumn 2009 to spring 2010. This represented the final phase of Norfolk County Council's twelve year programme to align transfer from one school to another, with the end of the National Curriculum Key Stages. The issues for the Grimston cluster were complex and although the proposal for a primary school at Gayton met aspirations for the village, other schools within the cluster were opposed to the closure of two first schools in order that an amalgamation with the junior school could happen. Given the proposals were linked, the Decision Maker was the Schools Adjudicator, who determined in favour of the proposal on 25 March 2011).

The Headteacher and governors have met with council officers to develop options for their building. Informal exhibition events were held at Gayton CE VC Primary School in November 2015 and January 2016 which gave the opportunity for interested people to meet with representatives from Norfolk County Council, Norfolk Property Services and the school to answer questions about the proposed location and design of the new school. The proposal was discussed at an open meeting of the Gayton Parish Council on 23 May, at which a representative of Children's Services was presented. A planning

application has been submitted to Norfolk County Council for the new building scheme; at the time of publication of this Notice has not yet been determined.

5. The effect on other schools, academies and educational institutions within the area

This proposal has no effect on other schools, academies and educational institutions within the area, but does provide additional places for the growing population of Gayton village.

It is intended to relocate the voluntary pre-school accommodation to the new school site, but this does not form part of this Notice as the group is not run by the School Governors.

6. Project costs and an indication of how these will be met, including how long term value for money will be achieved

The latest assessment (May 2016) of costs is as follows:

New school building: 210 primary £5.5m (approved by Children's Services Committee May 2016)

7. Implementation date and proposed stages for implementation

This proposal will be implemented on 1 September 2018.

8. Procedure for responses: support, objections and comments

Any person may object to, express support for, or make comments on the proposals by emailing us at schoolreview@norfolk.gov.uk, or by writing to us at:

Gayton CE VC Primary School Consultation, FREEPOST, 1H2076, Floor 8 (Bay 10), County Hall, Martineau Lane, Norwich, NR1 2BR. You don't need a stamp.