



Norfolk County Council

Pupil number growth and School Organisation in Hethersett

Norfolk County Council has a duty to ensure a sufficient supply of school places to respond to housing growth and other demographic changes. We are responding to the major housing allocation of 1200 dwellings in Hethersett by proposing a major change to the way the primary phase of schooling is organised in the area. At the heart of this proposal is a brand-new school building in the new development area.

Our proposals involve changes of age-range at Hethersett Woodside Infant & Nursery School and at Hethersett (Church of England) Voluntary Controlled Junior School, so that both become full 2-11 primary schools with nurseries *and* the relocation of Woodside Infant and Nursery School to a new site in the major housing area north of the area.

The Headteachers and Chair of Governors of the two schools involved, along with representatives from the Diocese of Norwich, have been part of the discussions with us about the future provision of schools in the area. It is now time to seek a wider range of views, which is why we are holding this consultation exercise.

What we are proposing

At the moment, Hethersett children start their statutory education in Year R at the Infant School and have to transfer to the Junior School after three years. We are proposing to change this pattern so that all children in Hethersett can attend one of two all-through primary schools (from Reception to the end of Year 6). We will do this by:

- Extending the age range of Hethersett Woodside Infant and Nursery School, to become an all-through Primary school for up to 420 children (60 pupils in each year group). This school will be known as Hethersett Woodside Primary School and will include provision for pre-school children. The school will move into a new school building, on the site allocated for a primary school in the new development north of Hethersett. This building could be expanded further if future pupil numbers require it.
- Extending the age range of Hethersett VC Junior School, to become an all-through Primary school for up to 420 children (60 pupils in each year group). Provision for pre-school children will be included. This school will be known as Hethersett VC Primary School. New accommodation will be provided by the County Council for Reception and Key Stage 1 pupils. A feasibility study on the expansion needs for Hethersett VC Primary will be undertaken in 2017.

Why we feel the changes are important

The County Council and Governors believe that these changes would benefit all children and young people in Hethersett because:

- They will provide sufficient places for the emerging pressure on primary places in the area and will allow for some expansion in the future.
- Norfolk County Council's policy on school organisation is to favour all-through primary schools where these are achievable.

Consultees might also like to be aware that as part of the agreement with the developer of the new Hethersett and Cringleford housing, additional land and funding for building works to increase the capacity of Hethersett Academy will become available in the future.

There are a number of considerations that Norfolk County Council take into account when considering changes to the organisation of schools. These include school leadership, performance, impact on the community, diversity of provision, need for places, travel, early years provision and special education provision. The overall driving force is, however, always ensuring any change is in the best interest of children's education and achievement.

The earliest the change could happen is 1st September 2019.

We will be holding drop-in events where you can come and find out more about these proposals, by attending any of the dates below:

- Tuesday 20th June, 9 – 10am, at Hethersett Woodside Infant and Nursery School
- Wednesday 21st June, 6 – 7pm, at Hethersett VC Junior School
- Monday 26th June, 6 – 7pm, at Hethersett Woodside Infant and Nursery School
- Tuesday 4th July, 3.15 – 4.15pm, at Hethersett VC Junior School

If you are unable to attend these events but would like to comment on our reorganisation proposals please:

- complete the attached form and hand it to the school office
- or write to School Organisation Team, FREEPOST IH 2076, Floor 8 (Bay 29), County Hall, Martineau Lane, Norwich, NR1 2BR, or email schoolreview@norfolk.gov.uk
- or access our online survey: <https://norfolk.citizenspace.com/childrens-services/hethersett>

We need all responses by 21st July 2017.



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Let us know what you think of our proposal.

Do you agree with our proposal to change the age range of both schools to primary phase, and relocate the current infant and nursery school to a new site within the strategic housing development, north of Hethersett?

Agree

☐

Disagree

☐

Please explain give your main reasons for your answer. Are there any other comments or suggestions you would like to make to help us with this decision and in planning for the future provision of the children.

We want to hear from a wide range of people. We will use your answers to help us understand which sections of the community have responded to our consultation. You do not have to answer the following questions if you do not want to.

We will process your personal data in accordance with the Data Protection Act, which means that we will not give your personal data to any third parties.

Your comments will be anonymous - your name or anything that could identify you will not be included in any report. However, we cannot guarantee that this information will be withheld if it is requested under the Freedom of Information Act.

Please tell us who you are:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Pupil | <input type="checkbox"/> School governor |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Parent / Guardian | <input type="checkbox"/> Local resident |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Member of the Parent Teacher Association | <input type="checkbox"/> Local business |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Member of staff | <input type="checkbox"/> Local sports group |
| | <input type="checkbox"/> Local community group |

Other (please specify): _____

At which school? _____

What is your name? _____

What is your postcode? _____

Your views will help us decide if this proposal goes ahead.

This consultation ends on 21st July 2017

The Executive Director of Children's Services at Norfolk County Council will make a decision about whether or not to proceed to the next stage. If we decide to go ahead, we would then have to publish a formal public notice. A final decision would then be made in August 2017.

You can tell us your views:

Online: <https://norfolk.citizenspace.com/childrens-services/hethersett>

Post: by using this form which can be returned via your local school or post to: School Organisation in Hethersett Consultation, FREEPOST, IH2076, County Hall (Floor 8 / Bay 29), Martineau Lane, Norwich, NR1 2BR. **You don't need a stamp.**

Email: schoolreview@norfolk.gov.uk