



## A Public Consultation

# Proposed Expansion of Elsley Primary School to 4 Forms of Entry by September 2016

### 1. Introduction

Elsley Primary School is a community school located in the south western region of the borough. It provides school places to 420 boys and girls between the ages of 4 – 11. There is also a nursery with 60 part time places.

Currently, the demand for school places in Brent, as with many outer London boroughs, is increasing. The demand for primary places in the south west of the borough specifically has led to the proposal to expand Elsley Primary School.

Therefore Brent Council in partnership with the Governing Body of Elsley Primary School is consulting with staff, parents and the community on the option to expand the school by two forms of entry (2FE). The expansion will provide an additional 60 places in each year group (420 new primary places in total). The increase of 60 places in each year group is intended to start at Reception age in September 2016 and rise to Year 6 by September 2022.

**You are invited to two meetings to discuss the proposals at:**

**3.30pm and 6pm on  
Wednesday 14 January 2015 at**

**Elsley Primary School Hall  
Tokynton Avenue  
Wembley  
HA9 6HT**

## 2. The proposal

Brent Council is proposing to expand Elsley Primary School, Tokyngton Avenue, Wembley, HA9 6HT by two forms of entry (420 additional places), taking the school capacity from 420 places (Year R – Year 6) to 840 (Year R – Year 6). The school will continue to provide a nursery with 60 part time places.

The expansion of the school is intended to commence in September 2016 with an increase of 60 places per academic year at Reception age and rise to Year 6 by September 2022.

Table 1: Number of pupils in each year group in each academic year

Date	Reception	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6	Total
Sep-15	60	60	60	60	60	60	60	420
Sep-16	120	60	60	60	60	60	60	480
Sep-17	120	120	60	60	60	60	60	540
Sep-18	120	120	120	60	60	60	60	600
Sep-19	120	120	120	120	60	60	60	660
Sep-20	120	120	120	120	120	60	60	720
Sep-21	120	120	120	120	120	120	60	780
Sep-22	120	120	120	120	120	120	120	840

The proposed accommodation for the expansion by two forms of entry would be of a permanent high quality construction linked to the main school building. It will be built to optimise educational standards. There will be no change to existing SEN arrangements at the school.

The Council is considering providing additional land to accommodate the Elsley expansion by two forms of entry by September 2016.

## 3. The growing number of primary school pupils

The number of children seeking a primary school in Brent is increasing year on year. This is due to several factors e.g. the renewed popularity of Brent schools, the inward migration of families into the borough, the new housing developments throughout the borough attracting new families and the rising birth and fertility rates. As a result, in areas of high demand there are insufficient school places.

The pressure of increasing demand is already evident with few places available in Brent's 61 primary schools. Brent Council is supportive of the proposed expansion of Elsley Primary School to help address the shortage of primary school places.

#### 4. New primary school places

In March 2014 the Local Authority consulted with all primary schools in the borough to explore the possibility of increasing the number of school places. It has been evident that the demand for Reception places would be greater than the number of available places. This assessment was based on the number of on-time and ad hoc admissions applications received by the Local Authority, the current forecast of student numbers and local factors such as feedback from schools.

The Local Authority has reviewed capacity constraints at all primary schools and identified the maximum need for school places in the local areas. Discussions have taken place with schools which were suitable and willing for expansion. This was followed by an initial feasibility assessment.

Since 2005 the Local Authority has analysed the increased demand for school places and created a programme to increase primary places through permanent expansion of schools and temporary classes across Brent. The table below demonstrates how many permanent and temporary primary places have been created since September 2006.

Table 2: Number of additional places created in Brent since 2006

<b>Total number of additional places (Reception to Year 6)</b>	<b>Permanent places (Reception to Year 6)</b>	<b>Temporary places (Reception to Year 6)</b>
5729	3746	1983

#### 5. We would like to hear from you

Brent Council and Governors of Elsley Primary School are at the moment consulting all interested parties including parents and staff at the school, all schools in Brent and neighbouring boroughs with an aim to receive feedback on the proposal.

We would welcome your views on the proposal to expand the school by 2FE. If you have any comments that you would like to make in relation to this proposal, you can either use the attached tear-off response form or write to:

**Judith Joseph**  
**5th Floor, Brent Civic Centre**  
**Engineers Way, Wembley, HA9 0FT**

Or

Send an email to: **[judith.joseph@brent.gov.uk](mailto:judith.joseph@brent.gov.uk)**

Copies of this consultation document are also available at the school reception.

Alternatively, this document can be downloaded from:

<http://www.brent.gov.uk/currentconsultations>

A limited translation service can be provided for this document on request to [judith.joseph@brent.gov.uk](mailto:judith.joseph@brent.gov.uk)

All written comments must be received by: **Monday 9 February 2015**

**6. You can also attend a public meeting for parents, carers and the community which has been arranged to discuss the proposed expansion of Elsley Primary School.**

**Date: Wednesday 14 January 2015**

**Time: 3.30pm - Community and Parents**

**6.00pm - Community and Parents**

**Venue: Elsley Primary School  
Tokyngton Avenue  
Wembley  
HA9 6HT**

**7. The procedures for reorganisation**

Brent Council in partnership with Elsley Primary School intends to meet with staff, parents and the local community, to receive their views.

If, after the consultation, the school's Governing Body decides to proceed with the expansion then a statutory proposal will be published in the local papers and will also be placed at public places e.g. in libraries and on the main entrances to Elsley Primary School.

Thereafter a 4 week representation period will commence during which anybody can write to make formal representations on the proposals. Representations can be in the form of support, suggestions or objections to the proposal. All representations will be presented to Brent Council's Cabinet Committee which will make a decision on the proposal.

Table 3: 5 stages for a statutory proposal for an excepted school expansion:

Consultation	Publication	Representation	Decision	Implementation
↓	↓	↓	↓	↓
Not prescribed (minimum of 4 weeks recommended)	1 day	<b>Must</b> be 4 weeks UNLESS related to another statutory proposal which has a 6 week representation period	The Brent Cabinet must decide the proposals within 2 months	No prescribed timescale – but must be as specified in the published notice, subject to any modifications agreed by the Brent Cabinet

## **8. Consultees**

This document is being sent to:

Elsley Primary School: parents, staff, governors and student council  
All maintained schools and Academies in Brent  
Brent Council  
Westminster Diocesan Education Service  
London Diocesan Board for Schools  
London Borough of Ealing  
London Borough of Barnet  
London Borough of Camden  
London Borough of Harrow  
London Borough of Hammersmith and Fulham  
London Borough of Westminster  
Royal Borough of Kensington and Chelsea  
Local Resident Associations  
All Councillors  
Local Member of Parliament  
All Brent Customer Service Shops  
All Brent Libraries  
All Brent Children Centres  
Sport England  
Secretary of State, School Organisation Unit  
Local private nurseries  
Any trade unions who represent staff of Elsley Primary School  
Representatives of main trade unions in Brent  
Early Years and Family Support Service  
Early Years Quality and Improvement Team  
Parent and Toddler groups in the area  
Any groups that use the Elsley Primary School site out of school hours

# Elsley Primary School Consultation Response Slip

Please tear off and return by: **Monday 9 February 2015**

I agree / disagree with Brent Council to expand Elsley Primary School by two forms of entry (2FE). *Delete as appropriate*

**Comments:**

*(Please use the back of this form if you require more space)*

**Signed** .....

**Parent / member of staff / other** .....*please specify*

**Please send to:**

**Judith Joseph  
5th Floor, Brent Civic Centre  
Engineers Way, Wembley, HA9 0FT**

**Or email**                    [judith.joseph@brent.gov.uk](mailto:judith.joseph@brent.gov.uk)

## Comments continued:

### About you

By answering the following questions, you will help us ensure that we deliver a fair service to all our community. You do not have to give us this information, but we hope you will. All information will be treated in the strictest of confidence and will only be used to monitor and improve Brent Council services.

#### Gender (please tick one):

Male		Female	
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#### My age group (please tick one):

0-15		16-24	
25-34		35-44	
45-54		55-64	
65-74		75+	

#### Which one of these groups do you feel you belong to (please tick one)?

Asian Indian		Asian Pakistani	
Asian Bangladeshi		Asian Other	
Black Caribbean		Black African	
Black Other		Chinese	
Mixed White and Black Caribbean		Mixed White and Black African	
Mixed White and Asian		Mixed Other	
White British		White Irish	
White Other		Other Ethnic Group	