

CONNECTION	AGREE WITH PROPOSAL TO EXPAND	COMMENTS
Headteacher - Local School	Yes	Thank you for including me in your email. As a school with what looks like a falling roll, I feel any expansion will eventually knock on to us, but clearly places are needed in local schools. I agree with the expansion. Places need to be where the kids are.
Parent/Carer	Yes	Sensible option as Offley has infrastructure already in place. Removal of Mixed Age Classes – my son has suffered slightly due to being in mixed age classes, I feel children are more driven if they are challenged by older peers within year group.
Local Resident	No view	<p>I have been contacted by the council to give feedback on the proposed expansion of Offley primary school.</p> <p>I am pleased that the council is finally planning to act on the shortage of primary school places. However, the document seems only to justify expansion of the school rather than giving any useful detail about the implications for pupils.</p> <p>Having lived in Sandbach for a number of years, I know that the town's parents have known that expansion of at least one school was required, it seems strange to be consulted on a document about the necessity of expansion. Where are the details that affect parents and students - how will the expansion affect group sizes for example, you say only 2 new classes are required, yet 105 students will be joining. If students are to be split into just 14 classes this would mean an increase from 25 per class to 30.</p> <p>Please would you direct me to information about the proposed expansion's impact on pupils, rather than the document I found which only indicates the reasons for expansion.</p>

Local Resident	Yes	In principle I support the expansion of Offley Primary School. However, it would be on the condition that there would be no negative effects or cuts in funding to other schools in the area. I am the father of two children attending and flourishing at St John's CE Primary School in the area and would be very concerned if that were to be the case.
Parent/Carer	Yes	Dual entry from infants through to juniors is best practice, rather than split year classes. Offley once was dual entry so would require minimum funding to restore its capacity, therefore in terms of council budget is the best most economical option for the local community.
Parent/Carer	Yes	I fully support Offley becoming a two form intake. It is a more cost effective solution as Offley School already has the majority of facilities to accommodate two forms. It will be a great improvement for children who will benefit from consistency in class structures.
Parent/Carer	Yes	Fully support this move which will remove the need for mixed age group classes with annual change of classmates.
Parent/Carer	Yes	1.5 form of entry sounds a little like statistical nonsense & practically complex to apply. Therefore <u>any</u> change to <u>1</u> or <u>2</u> is clearly & very importantly in the interests of the children & consequently the future of this country. Simplicity is key.
Local Resident	Yes	<p>Please accept this email as response to the consultation. I support the extension.</p> <p>Currently I believe the school only has cycle parking in the form of 'hoops' mounted to the ground. These can bend the wheel easily and I suggest to replace these with 'Sheffield'-type racks, plus cover for pupils and staff. Wheelock Primary School has an example of good cycle parking. I am not a parent but a resident in Sandbach and local representative for CTC – the national cycling charity.</p>
Parent/Carer	Yes	I find 2 form entry highly preferable to 1 ½ form, which results in mixed-year classes at junior level.
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Parent/Carer	Yes	I fully support the proposal. Two form entry avoids the disruption and upset of splitting classes and forcing apart friendships. Continuity and stability promotes learning – the disruption caused by mixing/changing classes is an unnecessary distraction to the child's learning. The comfort of knowing your child will stay with the same classmates throughout their primary school life cannot be understated. Also funding for the school was cut when the numbers were altered – the calculations/predictions for places were proven to be incorrect, so it is only right that the school numbers be reinstated to their previous figure, ensuring the budget returns to what it should be.
Parent/Carer	Yes	Would be very pleased if Offley could return to a two form entry school, to continue class continuity throughout the school.
School Staff	Yes	Extend the school to benefit the local community and safeguard teaching & support staff employment. Larger school, more opportunities for pupils.
Parent/Carer	No	Given the location of the school and the already busy road for collection and drop off at school, I do not think that an increased number of children attending the school will help in a morning or afternoon. Although I walk my son to school, I notice it is impossible to drive past the school during these times.
Parent/Carer	Yes	Excellent idea. 2 form entry, wonderful. Instead of mixed year groups in classes (3/4, 5/6) we can have single year groups.
School Staff	Yes	This would benefit the school from having no split classes/year groups.
School Staff	Yes	This will benefit both the school and the local community.
School Staff	Yes	School would benefit from having no split year groups. Children would feel happier being with their own year group.
Pupil at School	Yes	It will be easier for Year 6's when revising for SATS as they will not have to revise with Year 5's and will be able to do different topics.

Pupil at School	Yes	Year 5s from 5/6 won't be doing the same work again. They'll be in their proper year group and won't be separated because of age/birth date.
Pupil at School	Yes	It will be good because with Y5/6, the sixes are learning Yr 5 work and fives have to practice SAT questions and EXT. So it's good with them split the same as Y3/4.
Pupil at School	Yes	If the year above has done a topic then the year below can't do it. Children don't have to leave their class to go to the other half of their year. Year 5's won't have to do the end of Year 6 play.
Pupil at School	Yes	Friendship groups don't get destroyed, so you can be with your own age group and do things suitable for your own age group.
Pupil at School	Yes	Because you sometimes get split up from your friends, it's better to learn with your own friends and age group.
Pupil at School	Yes	It will improve Year 6 learning because the Year 5's do unnecessary work; revising for SATS. When I was in Year 5/6 I had to revise as well when the other class (Yr 5) didn't.
Pupil at School	Yes	It would be easier if Year 5 & Year 6's were in their own year group as when revising for SATS some Yr 5's have to as well even though they don't need to. During play rehearsals Yr 6's get pulled out which disturb Yr 5's working.
Pupil at School	Yes	Mixed classes disturb people because they are getting pulled out of class for like performances.
Pupil at School	Yes	Because the older year may have already learnt what they are being taught with the younger pupils. Also, when the older groups are taken out it disturbs the younger year groups while they are learning.
Governor at School	Yes	<p>The Governing Body (the 'GB') of Offley Primary School ('the School') fully supports the proposal by the Local Authority to expand the School from 315 (1.5 FE) to 420 (2 FE) pupil places for completion in September 2015.</p> <p>The GB has fully considered the public consultation document dated November 2013 in relation to the proposal for the enlargement of the school and endorses the proposition contained therein for the following reasons:</p> <p>Improved standards for a school which sits on the cusp of becoming 'outstanding'</p> <p>The School currently offers high standards of teaching and learning to all its pupils. The additional</p>

		<p>funding that an increase in pupil numbers will provide will enable an increase in the number of teaching staff and the return of the School to single year classes.</p> <p>Positive impact on parental preference</p> <p>Reception class places at Offley are consistently oversubscribed as a result of the popularity of the School and an increase in the published admission number ('PAN') will reduce the number of disappointed applicants.</p> <p>The approved proposal for more than 160 houses to be built on Congleton Road could yield additional pupils living in the immediate vicinity of the School in future years. This would exacerbate the recurring deficit in capacity at Offley should the PAN not be increased.</p> <p>Secured funding</p> <p>Funds amounting to £922,179, ring fenced for the Offley expansion, have been granted to the Local Authority under the Government's Targeted Basic Needs Programme.</p> <p>This level of investment will finance an appropriate two class extension, in keeping with the current school infrastructure, whilst retaining adequate playground and playing field provision for the pupils.</p> <p>No anticipated disruption to the neighbourhood</p> <p>Prior to September 2010 the School was a 2 FE primary school and there has been minimal effect on neighbouring properties noted since it was reduced to 1.5 FE at that date.</p> <p>Should the Congleton Road housing development come to fruition, this will mitigate any traffic/parking impact on the occupiers of houses on Offley Road as the additional pupils will walk to school.</p> <p>In conclusion, the GB of Offley Primary School believes that it is in the interest of the Sandbach Planning Area to expand the School to 420 pupil places from September 2015.</p>
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