



Northamptonshire County Council

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To whom it may concern,

For new housing developments;

24-28 primary pupils are usually expected from developments of 100 dwellings dependant upon mix.

23-26 secondary pupils are expected from the same dependant upon housing mix.

I can confirm that we have made an approach to both infant and junior schools within Earls Barton, to explore the possibility of expansion. This will enable the schools to take in 90 pupils rather than at present 75 pupils.

I can also confirm the legislation around infant class size, which requires all schools to have no more than 30 pupils in one class per one qualified teacher. This applies only to years R,1 and 2. There is some flexibility in the upper year groups especially when trying to place multiple siblings into rural schools.

There is also some exceptions to that rule, such as appeals, Looked After Pupils and SEN pupils.

I will send you a report on the pupils presently on roll, hopefully after half term. This will show the geographical spread of pupils attending the schools.

The county council has left both Heads to talk with their respective Governing Bodies about a number of factors as set out below;

- The appetite or not, of both schools increasing capacity to 90 pupils per year group
- The possible permanent solutions to achieve this



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- The discussion around long term plans for both schools, e.g. are they likely to federate, amalgamate etc. Obviously this is in order that we work up the best solutions for longer term planning.

My colleague Kay Ringwood is due to visit the schools on 15th November to further work up feasibility studies to increase capacity.

I hope this is useful for you and answers your main points.

The issues you have raised are going to be looked into.

Yours Sincerely,

Sarah Cook
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