

5th December 2011

Dear Parent/Guardian,

We are writing on behalf of the Full Governing Body of Cirencester Kingshill School to again consult with you regarding the school's proposal to permanently increase its Published Admission Number (PAN) in Year 7 from 165 to 182 from September 2013. This item has been discussed in detail at the Full Governing Body meetings on 8th July 2010, 14th October 2010, 18th November 2010, 20th January 2011, 24th March 2011, 12th May 2011, 7th July 2011 and 13th October 2011. The Governors voted unanimously to support a request to increase the Published Admission Number for Kingshill School.

The reasons for this are:

- There are two new housing developments in our catchment area, Cirencester North and Cirencester South.
At **Cirencester North**, 270 new units are proposed: 204 houses, 36 flats and 30 one bedroom flats.
At **Cirencester South**, 357 new units are proposed, 260 houses, 74 flats and 23 one bedroom flats.
Therefore, a total of 574 units (204 + 36 + 260 + 74) are proposed to be built in the catchment of Kingshill School, that may be occupied by families with children of secondary school age. One bedroom flats do not count as eligible and are not included in the calculation.
- Local Authority planning work on a ratio of 18 secondary pupils per 100 houses (0.18) and 15% of this ratio for qualifying flats, 2 bedrooms or more (0.18 X 0.15). Therefore, the new houses and flats will produce the following numbers:

Cirencester North:

Houses will produce	36.72 pupils (204 X 0.18)
Flats will produce	0.97 pupils (36 X 0.18 X 0.15)

Cirencester South:

Houses will produce	46.8 pupils (260 X 0.18)
Flats will produce	2 pupils (74 X 0.18 X 0.15)

Therefore, there are a total of an additional 86.5 pupils (36.72 + 0.97 + 46.8 + 2) from the two new housing estates in Kingshill School's catchment area.

If these pupils were spread over 5 year groups, this would be 17.3 pupils per year group. Hence a Pupil Admission Number of 182 would allow for our current 165 pupils per year group, plus 17 additional pupils per year group from the new housing estates.

- The contributions to secondary education from the two housing developments have been secured to Cirencester Kingshill School, in recognition of the need to extend and / or upgrade facilities to accommodate an increased number of pupils.

The contributions are:

Cirencester North	£564,193
Cirencester South	<u>£727,170</u>
	<u>£1,291,363</u>

- The school has completed a curriculum analysis of additional classrooms needed for 182 pupils, seven forms of entry, and also a suggested building programme in 3 phases to cope with the extra pupils. We are currently in discussion with consultants with regard to the adequacy of the suggested expansion and appropriateness of the timed building phases. We feel confident that the cost of the expansion can be covered by the contributions to secondary education from the two housing estates and the school's capital funds.
- Kingshill School currently has a Published Admission Number of 165, six forms of entry. In the past the school has admitted seven forms of entry in any two out of the five year groups in the school, hence we know we have the capacity to do this with our current buildings. Therefore, we know that the school could cope with seven forms of entry in September 2013 and September 2014 before any expansion would be needed. This would allow time for the houses to be sold and section 106 contributions to be received, before building expansion is needed for September 2015.

Our intention is not to admit pupils who are out of our catchment area and currently in another secondary school in Years 8 to 11 in September 2013. The intention is that seven forms of entry will start in Year 7 in September 2013 and work through the school. We are however, making every attempt to admit pupils in Years 8 to 11 that move into the two new housing developments in our catchment area.

For example:

September 2013	Year 7	7 forms of entry
	Years 8/9/10/11	6 forms of entry
September 2014	Years 7/8	7 forms of entry
	Years 9/10/11	6 forms of entry
September 2015	Years 7/8/9	7 forms of entry
	Years 10/11	6 forms of entry
September 2016	Years 7/8/9/10	7 forms of entry
	Year 11	6 forms of entry
September 2017	Years 7/8/9/10/11	7 forms of entry

- The Governors of Kingshill School feel confident that the increase will be sustained, looking at previous intakes.

September 2009 Intake 177 first choice preferences for a place at Kingshill School. 165 places were offered, 11 pupils were placed on the waiting list. 173 pupils were admitted.

September 2010 Intake 192 first choice preferences for a place a Kingshill School. 165 places were offered, 27 pupils were placed on the waiting list. Four further places were offered after appeal. 169 pupils were admitted.

September 2011 Intake 174 first choice preferences for a place at Kingshill School. 165 places were offered, 9 pupils were placed on the waiting list. Three further places were offered after appeal. 168 pupils were admitted.

For September 2011 we again had disappointed parents who did not receive a place for their child at Kingshill School. We are also aware, from speaking to parents, that the reason the number of first choice preferences fell in September 2011, was because 27 pupils who put Kingshill as their first preference in September 2010, did not gain a place at Kingshill. Parents felt it was too risky to state Kingshill School as their first choice preference.

- The number of pupils currently (November 2011) in each year group at Kingshill School are:

Year 7	168
Year 8	162
Year 9	180
Year 10	160
Year 11	176

Three of our year groups are currently above the school's Published Admission Number of 165. We are concerned that these numbers could rise even further as people move into the two new housing developments and feel uncomfortable about refusing pupils a place when they will be living very close to the school and in the school's catchment area.

We would prefer to plan ahead for the proposed increase in pupil numbers at Cirencester Kingshill School, hence our consultation to increase our Published Admission Number to 182, seven forms of entry. This would enable us to put a curriculum and building programme in place to accommodate the increase without it being detrimental to our current pupils.

We hope that the community will look favourably on the formal request to permanently increase the Published Admission Number of Cirencester Kingshill School to 182 from September 2013. We do not feel that this will be detrimental to any other local secondary school.

The draft version of the School's Admission Criteria for September 2013 is available on the school website. www.cirencesterkingshill.gloucs.sch.uk

We propose to hold a meeting on Wednesday 18th January 2012, 6.30p.m. – 7.30p.m. at which you will have an opportunity to speak to our Governors about the proposed plan for the expansion of the school. We look forward to meeting you and sharing our ideas.

If you would like to submit any comments regarding Cirencester Kingshill School increasing the Published Admission Number to 182 from September 2013, please forward them in writing to Lydia Lever, Clerk to the Governors, c/o Kingshill School by Wednesday 22nd February 2012. All comments will be considered by the Full Governing Body on Thursday 22nd March 2012.

In the meantime should you require any further information please do not hesitate to contact the Headteacher at school on 01285 651511.

Yours sincerely,

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Chair of Governors