Cabinet Member for Education & Learning Decisions

26 April 2022

<u>PETITION: PRESERVE THE FUTURE OF ST PETER AND ST PAUL COSE INFANT SCHOOL IN CHALDON</u>

We the undersigned petition Surrey County Council to fullfil their duty to preserve the future of our school by supporting the expansion to accommodate Primary Education to Key Stage 2 (7-11 year olds).

Justification:

St Peter and St Paul is a Church of England school located at the heart of the village of Chaldon village in the Surrey Hills. Historically, the school has developed a strong reputation of high quality education, care and community spirit that we believe to be unique amongst a wider community hugely dominated by Trust schools.

In 2021 the school co-operated with a request from Surrey County Council to accept. bulge year, which has resulted in more members of the community recognising the strengths of our school.

As a church school we enjoy a special sense of belonging welcoming all cultures and religious denominations into our school and our Christian ethos provides a rich backdrop in which all our children flourish.

As parents and carers we feel very strongly that our school is the best environment for our children to continue their educational journey until their transition into secondary school. We have learnt to trust in staff team that cares passionately about the school and we are confident that they can offer the best possible opportunity for through Primary Education in the area.

We therefore request that Surrey County Council honour the "Change in Age Range Consultation" that was agreed in October 2021 and needs to now be reflected in the physical expansion of the school.

Submitted by: SARA SHOEBRIDGE

Signatures: 119

Response:

The change in age range at St Peter and St Paul Church of England School will be implemented for September 2022. The school are admitting Year 3 pupils from September 2022 and internal alterations to the existing building will provide the additional space for pupils.

Some planning and highway matters were raised as part of the planning application originally submitted in June 2021. Since then, supplementary information to the original planning application has recently been submitted to address the concerns. Subject to planning permission being granted the physical expansion of the school will take place with a target date for completion of September 2023.

Denise Turner-Stewart Cabinet Member for Education & Learning 26 April 2022

