

Benfield Primary School

'Inspiring Success'



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RESPONSE TO CONSULTATION FOR EXPANSION OF ST ANDREW'S PRIMARY SCHOOL FROM BENFIELD PRIMARY SCHOOL

Benfield Primary School is a two form entry primary school situated west of Boundary road. Benfield was expanded from a junior school to a 2 form entry primary in September 2010 to meet increasing pupil numbers in the west of the city.

We are an undersubscribed school and although growing in popularity, mobility remains a significant issue for our school. For the last two years, our school population has changed by approximately 25% throughout the school year with arrivals and leavers.

Furthermore, we have been informed that for 2015/16 there will be a fall in the demand for school places in reception.

Currently, we have capacity for 430 children and have 325 on roll. Therefore we are 75% capacity. In KS1, we have 125 children out of a possible 180.

In KS2, we have 200 out of a possible 240. Our biggest year groups are in 5 and 6.

We currently have a confirmed 41 children for reception 2014.

We believe that this increases our vulnerability and could make it difficult to sustain as a two form entry and this could be even more difficult if St. Andrew's intake is increased.

At Benfield, we are committed to working in partnerships with other schools and ensuring the very best education for all our children across the city.

We believe that the increased intake could create inequalities and make schools in Portslade, including Benfield, face some very difficult circumstances which would not serve or help the children of Portslade and West Hove.

Staff and Governing Body of Benfield Primary School.

