

Frequently Asked Questions

Regarding a proposed expansion at Greenfield Community Primary School

1. Who is being consulted on the proposal to expand Greenfield C P School?
Pupils, parents and carers, school staff and their trades union or teacher associations, governors, diocese, other nearby schools, the local and wider community, neighbouring communities, neighbouring authorities, ward councillors and local MPs are all being consulted about the proposal to expand Greenfield C P School. All their views will be taken into consideration before the Local Authority decides whether or not to go ahead with the proposal.

2. Has the Local Authority considered expansion of other schools in the Saddleworth and Lees Planning area?
All schools in the Saddleworth and Lees area were considered. The Local Authority uses a matrix to assess each school and its potential for expansion. The matrix takes into account a number of criteria including educational standards, Ofsted category, demand for places, site feasibility and cost effectiveness. This process determines which school is the highest priority for expansion.

Greenfield C P School proved the preferable scheme when compared to other schools on the grounds of educational standards, demand for places, maintaining amount of play / sport field space, practicality of build without disturbing education of existing pupils, suitability of final design post expansion, long term outcomes for the schools buildings and pupils and cost per place provided.

3. Has the Local Authority taken in to account the increase in volumes of traffic in the vicinity of Greenfield C P School if the planned admission number was to increase?

This will be looked at in detail at the planning stage. Oldham Local Authority will follow National and Regional design rules in particular the Education Funding Agency baseline design and the Greater Manchester Planning Policies with regards to parking and traffic.

4. Can the existing school building be used as a KS1 block and a new KS2 block be built on the schools playing fields?

If the Local Authority were to preserve the existing school as a KS1 block and then build a new KS2 block it would have to be on the existing playing field. This option would leave the school with very limited external space as the footprint of the KS2 block would completely remove any opportunity for formal sports provision within the bounds of the site and mean all outdoor sporting activity would have to happen offsite resulting in children having to be “transported” (either walking or by vehicle) at least as far as Churchill Playing Fields. This logistically would impact on the school in terms of costs and staff resources and ultimately is likely to lead to a reduction in the amount of physical activity available for the pupils.

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5. Could you please give details of the locations, the m2 size of each site and sizes of the school populations of the eight school expansions that have happened in previous years?

	Old PAN	Revised PAN	Planning Area	Sqm of extension
Bare Trees C P	70	90	Chadderton	645 sq m
Yew Tree C P	60	90	Chadderton	411 sq m
EC St George's C E	30	60	Royton/Shaw	364 sq m
St Hilda's C E	45	60	West Oldham	520 sq m
Propps Hall C P	20	30	Failsworth/Hollinwood	170 sq m
Watersheddings C P	30	45	East Oldham	197 sq m
Mills Hill C P	60	90	Chadderton	445 sq m
Oasis Academy Limeside	30	60	Failsworth/Hollinwood	131 sq m

6. Will all of the children living in Greenfield be prioritised for places?

It is not proposed that the admissions policy and oversubscription criteria for Greenfield C P School will change.

Currently if there are more applications than places available; pupils with siblings who are already in attendance at the school are prioritised and then after that priority goes to the pupils who live nearest to the school based on a straight line distance measurement.