

Cambridge New Primary School Competition

Summary of Proposals

Your opportunity to comment on the proposals to establish a new primary school in Cambridge



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1 The new school

Cambridgeshire County Council has identified a major shortfall of primary school places in Cambridge in 2011/12 and beyond. The pressure is greater and more immediate in the south of the city, and the County Council has identified the need for a new school in that area. The new school will cater for 420 pupils aged from 4 to 11 and will open in September 2011.

2 The competition

In line with the provisions of the Education and Inspections Act 2006, Cambridgeshire County Council published a notice on 26 February 2010 inviting proposals from organisations interested in establishing the new primary school. Two organisations submitted proposals: the Queen Edith Community Federation Group and the Roman Catholic Diocese of East Anglia. The local authority published the proposals on 9 July 2010.

You can obtain electronic copies of the proposals from:

- david.clark@cambridgeshire.gov.uk
- www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/education/schools/planning/

For hard copies please contact each proposer directly:

- **NAME**, The Queen Edith Community Federation Group, c/o Queen Edith Community Primary School, Godwin Way, Cambridge, CB1 8QP
T: NUMBER E: EMAIL
- **NAME**, The Roman Catholic Diocese of East Anglia, Diocesan Schools' Service, The White House, 21 Uppgate, Poringland, Norwich, NR14 7SH
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3 Public meeting

Publication of the proposals triggers a six-week representation period during which the local authority is required to hold a public meeting. It will hold this meeting on **Thursday 15 July 2010** at **Cambridge Professional Development Centre, Foster Road, Trumpington, Cambridge**. The meeting will include an informal drop-in session **from 5.00 to 6.00pm**, followed by proposers' presentations and a Q&A session **from 6.00 to 8.00pm**.

Members of the community will have the opportunity to hear more about each proposal and ask questions. The meeting will be chaired by Richard Lindley from Deloitte. This firm has been appointed by the Department for Education to support school competitions. The speakers will include representatives of the Queen Edith Community Federation Group and the Roman Catholic Diocese of East Anglia, and **NAME** of Cambridgeshire County Council.

4 Summary of proposals

The Queen Edith Community Federation Group (c/o Queen Edith Community Primary School, Godwin Way, Cambridge, CB1 8QP) has submitted an independent proposal to establish a foundation school (without a foundation trust) linked in statutory federation with the neighbouring Queen Edith Community Primary School.

The Federation Group is made up of members of the Governing Body of Queen Edith School. It is supported by three groups of Community Partners for: Education (Netherhall School, Parkside Federation, University of Cambridge Faculty of Education); Wellbeing/Inclusion (Cambridge Childcare, Lunchtime UK, Romsey Mill, Cambridge Family Mediation Service, Addenbrooke's Hospital); and Faith/Community (St James' Church, Queen Edith Chapel, parent representatives of the Muslim and Hindu faiths). Each group will appoint a representative to the Federation Governing Body and use its specialist expertise to support the federation in helping children develop as successful learners, confident individuals and responsible citizens.

The ethos of the federation will be 'Partnership in Excellence, Opportunity for All'. The new school will work in close collaboration with Queen Edith School, with the three partnership groups, with the Local Authority and with the local community. It will do so to achieve first-class teaching and learning and to share Queen Edith's ethos of inclusion, respect, community cohesion, personalised provision and support for the most vulnerable.

Members of the Federation Group are already established providers of extended services in the local community, and the proposed extended provision for the new school includes a range of after-school and holiday clubs, support for local families (including a dedicated Family Worker) and community access to the school building.

The proposed catchment for the new school will comprise the combined catchment areas of Morley Memorial, Queen Edith and Ridgefield schools. This is intended to meet the acute demand for school places projected for those catchment areas in the coming years, and to protect the sustainability of planned expansion in Cherry Hinton. Children who have a statement of special educational needs that names the school will be admitted. The school's admission criteria will be:

1. Children in Care/Looked After Children;
2. Children living in the catchment area who have a sibling at the school;
3. Children living in the catchment area;
4. Children living outside the catchment area who have a sibling at the school;
5. Children living outside the catchment area, but unable to gain a place at their catchment school because of oversubscription;
6. Children living outside the catchment area, but nearest the school as measured by a straight line.

The school will not have a specific religious character, but will welcome children of all religious faiths and of none. It will seek to serve the area's culturally and religiously diverse community, supported by the federation's Faith and Community Partnership Group. The new primary school will not have a subject specialism. However, through federation with Queen Edith School, it will benefit from the support of wide range of specialist teachers, including an Advanced Skills Teacher, a Leading Literacy Teacher and a Maths Specialist Teacher.

The Roman Catholic (RC) Diocese of East Anglia (RC Diocese of East Anglia, Diocesan Schools' Service, The White House, 21 Ugate, Poringland, Norwich, NR14 7SH) has submitted an independent proposal to establish a Voluntary Aided Co-Educational Primary School with early years provision on site and dedicated space for extended school activities.

It is expected that the new school will provide a full and varied menu of extended activities, including a range of after-school and holiday clubs, wrap-around care and community access to the school building.

The RC Diocese proposes a school with a clear Christian ethos, a staff team which will join a closely supported and supportive family of schools. The education of the 'whole child' is a fundamental tenet of Catholic education. The Catholic Church provides schools to contribute to the creation of a society that is highly educated, skilled and cultured. The Catholic bishops of England and Wales insist that Catholic schools contribute to the common good. Ethnic and cultural diversity has always been a feature of the Church's transnational identity and membership.

There has been a shortage of places in the area for families wishing to access a Catholic school for many years. Pressure on the one school in the south is such that the effective radius of its catchment continues to dwindle and is now less than one mile. Baptismal figures for the two Catholic parishes clearly show that a single form of entry is inadequate for the Catholic population, even accepting that not all would wish to access a Catholic school. If the bid is successful, the proposers will ask the Secretary of State for designation of the school as one with a Roman Catholic religious character.

Children who have a statement of special educational needs that names the school will be admitted to the school, and the admissions policy will give priority to:

1. Looked after Children
2. Baptised Catholics in the south area of the city as defined by the current catchment areas of the following schools:
Abbey Meadows, Cherry Hinton, Colville, Fawcett, Morley Memorial, Newnham Croft, Park Street, Queen Edith, Ridgefield, Spinney, St Matthew's, St Paul's and St Philip's.
3. Other children in the above area
4. Baptised Catholics outside the area
5. Other children outside the area.
6. Over-subscription will be resolved by distance from the school.

Cambridge new primary school competition: response form

You are welcome to use this form to comment on the proposals; or if you prefer you may write a letter or send an email.

Please send your comments to David Clark, CYPS Infrastructure, Cambridgeshire County Council, Box CC1209, Castle Court, Castle Hill, Cambridge, CB3 0AP or david.clark@cambridgeshire.gov.uk

The closing date for responses is **5pm on Friday 20 August 2010.**

Are you?

- A pupil A member of staff at a school A school governor A parent

Name of school _____

- A local resident A local community representative Other (please state) _____

Contact details (optional)

The Queen Edith Community Federation Group proposal

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The Roman Catholic Diocese of East Anglia proposal

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Thank you for your interest

