

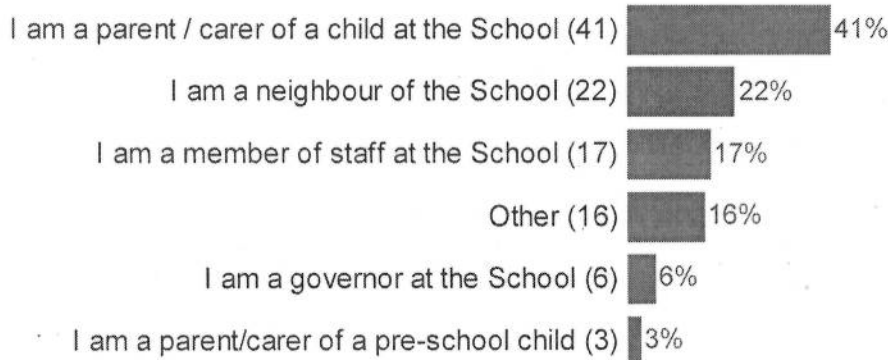
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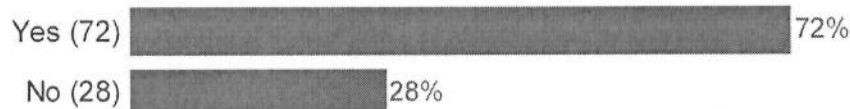
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- Fairfield resident
- I was a student at the school, lived in fairfield growing up and worked as a teaching assistant
- Fairfield Village Community Association
- My child used to attend the school
- Resident in the Village and former parent of children at the school
- Spouse of teacher
- Friend of a staff member
- local resident
- I am a resident of a neighbouring village with a school age child.
- Resident of bromsgrove
- Balbroughton and Fairfield Parish Council
- Parish Councillor - Belbroughton & Fairfield Parish Coucil

Do you agree that the proposed expansion go ahead?



Please give your reasons for your answer

To give sustainability to the future of a wonderful school, ensuring a challenging and inspiring education for generations to come.

Planning for a single year group rather than mixed year group will be a lot more effective and beneficial for the children and easier for staff to manage. More children will benefit from our 'village school' setting. Our current portacabin's need replacing and a brand new building would be amazing for the children and extra land could be incorporated into our current forest school and playground. A pure Y2 class would help make SATS planning a lot easier, Y1 could have more of a link with the EYFS. Y4 transition would be more straight forward too.

The education of the children in the local area should be a priority. Children of school age should all have the opportunity to attend their local school. The school is constantly striving to provide the best possible education for the children who currently attend and more children should be given the opportunity to attend this wonderful school. A school is at the heart of a community and an expansion will be part of moving the community of Fairfield Village forward.

As a family who recently moved to the area we are aware of how short places are in Bromsgrove. This is a fantastic school

With a younger child due to start school in 2019 this would give me an increased chance of obtaining a place at a school we love and have been involved in for the last 4 year's. The plans will also help with the parking issues currently experienced. It's not a huge expansion so the village school feel will still be kept which I think is extremely important

It has been a small village school for years and it's like a home from home. If it was to become larger it wouldn't be known as such a village. More like a small town school.

This is going to help the local area and enable more children to have the outstanding education my children already receive/have received. I feel it will also benefit the children to be taught in one age group, rather than learning with older/younger children.

I think it's a real positive move for a school that has so much to offer to be in a position to offer that to more pupils

The traffic chaos caused by parents parking and blocking footpaths is unacceptable. This will only get worse if the School is extended. It goes to show how many children don't live near or in the village itself making Fairfield an overspill school which is not fair on the villagers whom most are pensioners. It's the same for Fairfield Football club. They cause terrible congestion by parking on the road and no players actually live in the village. The traffic problem needs to be sorted before anything else.

Having one form entry classes would be wonderful! Our school serves for many children and as the village and surrounding areas are growing, it only seems natural that the school should progress also.

I feel it will be good for the children and staff, and make the school more sustainable for the future.

Fairfield first school has been the heart of the village for many years. The school do many things for community which is lovely. However I don't agree with the expansion as the farmer will be losing part of his field and income and also the amount of traffic that it will bring through the village. We already have a problem with the amount of traffic and the speed that people go through the village at present will also cause more trouble if expanded. The parking is also a very big issue. Even if you increased the parking at the Rec there will still be an issue. The intake is for local residents hence why it is classed as a village school.

The school needs decent classrooms instead of the portacabin its had for far to many years. Ofsted rated school good and to keep improving we need the extra facilities this would bring along with the knowledge that the school has a future within the local authorities plans for first schools. Mixed classes has brought problems which the staff have coped with on many levels, this single age group move will be such a good thing for everyone involved with the school. The extension wouldn't loose anything from the school grounds and in fact it would gain extra space which again is a bonus. I can only see this being of the highest benefit to the school, the community going forward.

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Please give your reasons for your answer

The simple and overriding reason that this proposed expansion should go ahead is that it would benefit the education provided to all children in the school. This expansion would enable the school to enjoy single classes for each year group rather than the current mixed classes. By definition, mixed classes mean that the teacher in the class has to plan for two year groups. With the best will in the world, teachers are not able to give full concentration and learning opportunities to one particular year group. This is further complicated by the fact that one class is not only mixed year groups but is mixed key stage too. By enabling the school to provide one class for each year group, the teachers will be able to concentrate fully on one year group and provide even better learning opportunities for the children. With the proposed expansion, the education for the children at the school can only be enhanced.

The school is a vital part of the community serving families from the local area. The proposed expansion is a reflection of the school's popularity. An expansion of this kind will help to secure the future of the school and the role it plays. My only concern is increased traffic and parking, however, I would hope that the council have plans to ensure this does not hinder the residents. I fully support the school in their proposal.

A fantastic school that in recent years has always been oversubscribed and a popular choice for many local families. The proposed build would mean going to single form entry which will allow the staff to make the learning experiences for the children at Fairfield even better! It would benefit both staff and children alike to teach one year group and one key stage rather than cross-key stage which is what happens at the moment. I feel that it would benefit the outdoor play space for the children and also enhance the learning environment and enrichment opportunities.

The school as it currently stands has few pupils from the local area so an increase in the number of children attending from 113 to 150 would mean a 40% increase in the amount of traffic at school times, this is unacceptable as already there are major concerns by villagers over the lack of parking. Cars are currently parked both sides of the road, (which is a main B road) on the footpaths and across residents drives and villagers have little support from the school at present in rectifying this situation. In addition the access to the school is by single narrow drive which is also used by the children, additional places would mean additional staff and support members, there is currently limited parking too for staff. If the car park was extended would it be used for other purposes meaning extra traffic at weekends and evenings which is not only a safety concern due to the narrowness but unacceptable for the residents living adjacent to the drive. To site the 3 classrooms at the back of the school on a steep embankment on land that regularly floods due to the water running off the football pitch seems not a viable option.

There is insufficient parking in the area. It can be impossible to pass on the pavement with pushchairs with walking on the main road. There have been confrontations between parents and residents.

The current number of pupils at the school already has a massive impact on local infrastructure, any pupil growth of over 25% plus staff will increase traffic volume and congestion to an increased dangerous level without adequate investment. For over 18 months us local residents/villagers have been in discussion with our M.P. Sajid Javid, the Parish Council and Highways Department with regards to the number of cars passing through Fairfield Village and problems with dangerous parking by parents and visitors to the school. I have been forced to push my 2 year old Grandson in his pushchair in Stourbridge Road because the footpath outside my house was obstructed on more than one occasion due to visitors/parents who use the school and parking their cars on the footpaths. I honestly believe that there is just no room to accommodate additional vehicles travelling to and parking in Fairfield Village. Surely, the concerns of Villagers and their families should be taken into account before even contemplating an extension. The safety and well being of the people living in Fairfield Village is being ignored in favour of increasing school places for families who live elsewhere and who will travel into the village without any consideration for the local population. Fairfield residents feel very strongly that our village can not accommodate any further additional cars travelling to and parking on the Stourbridge Road in the Village of Fairfield. It will only increase the risk to lives of the people that live here.

Please give your reasons for your answer

I do agree and think the school should expand in its present location. However the road in and through Fairfield is horrendous during school times and when there are functions on at the school. 4x4's seem to be abandoned anywhere during these times. I think provision should be made somewhere (land at the back of the school?) to provide a car park. The Swan car park is obviously considered too far to walk for some of the parents dropping children off.

Fairfield is a wonderful school. It is an amazing place to work. All members of staff give their all everyday which means that the pupils learning is always maximised. Pupils of Fairfield are happy to come to school and enjoy the varied learning experiences we offer. If the expansion were to happen it would mean that this learning experience would be offered to more children. I know from personal experience that school places in Bromsgrove are few and far between and increasing the intake at Fairfield would ease that slightly. Increasing the intake and changing the class structure to single age classes, would mean that learning would be maximised as class teachers would be able to concentrate on planning and teaching lessons to a single age group. It would also mean that classes would be limited to 30 children which would give staff more time to spend with each child.

It will improve the opportunities of all children at the school with the proposed one form entry. The site is perfect for expansion and will mean that we can remove the very old portacabins and have new purpose built classrooms suitable for a modern education.

It is such a magical school that is so amazing to be a part of both as a student and as a member of staff and more children should be given the opportunity to be a part of such a fantastic first school!

It will give the school the opportunity to move into the future with the buildings and resources necessary to provide an excellent education for present and future children attending the school. The site is ideal to expand and will cause minimal disruption to the village. Extra parking for staff and visitors will appease villagers' concerns about parking and will even help with weekend visitors to Fairfield Villa.

Bring new families into the village

Currently there is an expectation by some parents & carers that they can use the Village Hall car park. At times this has resulted in a strained relationship. The purpose of the Village Hall car park is for people that are using the Village Hall and not to provide a public car park. On a school day the car park is full most mornings with parents/carers dropping off children for Pre-school. The registered pre-school group have a significant number of under 5's attending this service and they are being dropped off and picked up during the same time window as the school opens and closes. There is no capacity to permit any additional parking of vehicles on the Village Hall car park. With an increase in the school population there will be an increase in people wishing to park their vehicles in the village. The trustees are concerned that there will be an increased demand by motorists wishing to use the car park whilst dropping off their children for the First School. The Village Hall trustees are mindful of their legal duties and their responsibility to Hall users. The current traffic volumes, speed and congestion are already a concern for Village Hall user groups and the wider village and there is significant risk to the safety, not only for the Village Hall users but also the school users and the wider public. The Village Hall trustees consider it imperative that a combination of appropriate measures are included in the planning to minimise these safety hazards for all users of this congested area. It is suggested that such measures as additional parking are essential, as well as traffic speed and flow management control by such measures as timed no parking strips, limiting lorry movement at school times, change of road surface at selected area and appropriate facilities to enable the safe drop off and collection for all users must all be considered. The absence of such measures can only lead to increased risk to all users of the facilities and area.

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Please give your reasons for your answer

Fairfield Village Community Association are mindful of any impact that expansion will have on the community. The school is currently very popular with a demand from parents in the Bromsgrove area to send their children to the school. There is no indication that demand would fall if the school did not expand. The current number of pupils at the school already has a massive impact on local infrastructure, any pupil growth of over 25% plus staff will increase traffic volume and congestion to an increased dangerous level without adequate investment.

1. Fairfield village is built along a busy and dangerous Stourbridge Road (B4091), an arterial route connecting North Bromsgrove to Birmingham and the Black Country.
2. Data from recent traffic surveys (WCC, Highways) indicate that over 15% of traffic at the start and finish of the school day is above 29 mph, with an average of one vehicle passing the school every 7 seconds.
3. Even though it may be argued that vehicles parked on the side of the road slows vehicles down, not all children are picked up at the pinch point time, between 3pm and 3.30pm, some are collected much later from the Little Gems Club that meets at the school.
4. Current double parking in the village increases congestion and air pollution, especially in the mornings. There are incidents of motorist being agitated when their journey is delayed and the "Mexican Stand Off" between motorists (including HGVs) is a common occurrence.
5. Many residents and school parents have reported damage to vehicles; wing mirrors to cars being "sided". Last December a lorry drove into the back of a car containing a mother and her two daughters.
6. Due to narrow footpaths, there are regular reports from pedestrians (predominately school parents) that they have had to walk on the busy and dangerous Stourbridge Road, with children and pushchairs, to navigate an obstruction caused by a parked car.
7. Should there be an incident in the village/at the school, emergency service vehicles would struggle to provide a response.
8. The proposal to expand the staff car park raises several concerns. Access is via School Drive, which is owned by the church and is also a public walk way. A larger school with a larger car park will increase traffic flows, thereby increasing risk to pedestrians and adjacent properties. The easement was agreed when the school was small and only a few vehicles required access to the facility. The community would object to any increase in traffic easement arrangement with the Church.
9. The suggestion that "extended parking facilities would also assist Fairfield Villa FC, helping them to also take some of their vehicles away from the Stourbridge Road on match days" is not acceptable, due to
 1. Not being agreed in accordance with the easement arrangement,
 2. Increased risk to members of the public walking along School Drive, and
 3. Unmanaged traffic flows.
10. Due to a successful Preschool at the Village Hall, currently with 29 children attending, the car park of 23 spaces is unable to accommodate any additional cars beyond parents of children that are attending Preschool and Preschool staff.
11. The Recreation Ground car park, owned by the Parish Council, is filled by school parents. Due to there being no space for some vehicles able to turn around, some vehicles reverse on to the busy and dangerous Stourbridge Road. The Parish Council would like to extend the car park, to create an additional 10 spaces, but this proposal is not being received favourably by District Council Planners due to Green Belt rules, the application is pending.
12. The Swan Inn currently allows parents to park in their private car park, some parents do take up this offer, others do not. The Swan Inn is a business and it should not be taken that this offer will continue, their operations may change to increase afternoon trade that will impact on the number of spaces available to school parents.
13. Any proposal to expand Fairfield First School must include suitable infrastructure investment that will enable a safe and accessible community for ALL (residents, school parents, children, visitors and passing motorists); including:
 - The acquisition of land, to provide a suitable car park with safe, direct, access from Stourbridge Road.
 - Traffic Calming measures that slow vehicles down as they enter the village, reducing speed flow through the community.
14. We also propose that school parents can drop off children from 8.30am, rather than currently waiting with their child until the start of the school day. It has been over three years since the Crossing Warden retired, a role that is still vacant and is unlikely to be filled. Cost savings from not filling this role can be used to help fund any additional staffing costs.

The school is thriving and offers excellent education for the children living within its locality. There are limited school places across the town as it stands and the expansion would alleviate some of this allowing more children to receive the top quality education and experience that Fairfield has to offer.

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Please give your reasons for your answer

Living out of catchment, we were overjoyed when our daughter was given a place at the school. Giving where we live, We would not be allocated a place now as the school is oversubscribed. The expansion and increase in PAN would mean more children would benefit from the education and experience offered by Fairfield. It is a unique school and I truly believe that our daughter had the best start to her education and could not have received a more rich and broad curriculum anywhere else locally.

The case for a modest expansion would appear to be sensible on educational grounds. It would allow teaching staff to concentrate on a single age class rather than a mixture. Also, it will help to ensure the long-term future of the school within the village. However, such an expansion will have an undesirable effect on traffic within the village. Whilst it is not the primary concern of the Education section of WCC, as in any development, there should be steps taken in conjunction with highways to mitigate the adverse effects where possible. The paramount concern is to ensure that the children are not exposed to any increase risk from traffic movements in the area.

Will bring in more funding for the school- cuts are very worrying in school budgets.

I am satisfied the available space is there and it will not impact on space used by the children. I believe it will also benefit the learning process by eliminating the split class system currently in place.

This school is a fabulous school and I feel expansion would be ideal!

Doing away with the mixed age classrooms can only be a positive for teachers and pupils and also expansion means more children can enjoy the Fairfield experience

Positive development of the facilities and class structure

I feel that instead of trying to add to an old non purpose built building that looking into other areas where the whole school could be rebuilt, with adequate parking and classrooms would be a lot more cost effective. Sell the existing school to a developer and the profit added to the expansion budget would surely be enough to build a purpose built school.

The village infrastructure cannot accommodate the expansion. Additionally the catchment area does not require an expansion to the school. An expansion should be considered where it is needed so that pupils can walk to their local school rather than driving miles out of their local area. Expansion is not suitable for the village or the school itself, local residents have enough problems with parking and rude parents parking over their drives, without taking on further pupils. What was once a school at the heart of the community has become a 'us' against 'them' issue for the village.

Parking at the school is a real issue and it is only a matter of time before there is an accident.

To equal out the uneven classes

It will ensure that more children will get to experience going to school at Fairfield First School. Also there will be single year groups which will be a lot easier for new parents to understand.

It would benefit the children

Removal of mixed classes are vital for the education of the children and for the well-being of the staff.

To mainly improve the facilities at the school

More school places will increase the benefits to local children

Beneficial to the children's education

I have been a parent for 8 years at Fairfield First School, with my 3rd child due to start September 2019. I believe having children taught exclusively with their own year group will benefit the children greatly

Fairfield First School is situated down a short but narrow access road and not accessible by car for parents to drop children off, there appears to be little provision for staff and parent parking, some staff leave their cars parked in awkward places around the village all day, with little regard for other traffic or villagers, the same with parents dropping off and picking up children. The school has outgrown the village and the land would be better used for housing, especially when Catshill First School, a mile away, has 38 places available (and is running at 87% capacity) and is also rated as good by Ofsted.

Please give your reasons for your answer

It will enable the school to end mixed age classes which I believe would be beneficial for the children and teachers at the school

This will eliminate mixed year groups allowing focus specifically

There is a struggle for places at good schools

For the sustainability and future of the school I feel that this is a good opportunity. The offering at Fairfield is amazing, but to continue they need increased funding to aid retention of good teachers and attract new teachers. The single year classes will make teaching more year/age focused and should benefit the teachers and children alike. The old temporary mobile classrooms have become a resource drain and no longer meet the needs of the children. More children would be able to benefit from the wonderful school. Protects future of the school. Gives more outdoor space/playground.

The mobile classrooms are 35 years old, they are a temporary solution and at some point in the very near future will need to be replaced. A purpose built extension would provide a safe and welcoming environment, extend the PAN number from twenty three up to thirty, thus giving more children the opportunity to flourish at Fairfield First School. The new building will provide much needed and improved toileting and washroom facilities, more storage and an enclosed, secure outdoor learning area more suitable for Foundation Stage children. The current outdoor area is welcoming and secure but has a natural gradient making it more challenging for bikes/outdoor toys to be used. Heating in the mobile classrooms can be unreliable and with young children, it is important that heating can be regulated. Converting to a one form entry will enable teachers to plan more effectively, children will no longer have to be split across two year groups once their reception year at Fairfield comes to an end. This is particularly important for children transitioning from Foundation into Year one as they move across onto the National Curriculum frameworks. It will also allow the friendships with their peers to continue to develop as they move as a class into Year One.

Whilst I understand the need for more school places, as a resident of Fairfield, I suffer the parking and traffic congestion that this brings each day. Fairfield is a good school but its location, on a main through route to Birmingham, poses danger for pedestrians and motorists at school times, be these residents or children and parents. At the drop in regarding the possible expansion of the school, it seemed that this issue was being overlooked. With traffic problems already serious, expansion of the school will only exacerbate this unless there is some mechanism to resolve the additional parking/traffic this will bring into the village as it needs to be recognised that children are not coming to school from the immediate locality which inevitably brings more cars to an already congested area. There is also air quality to consider for residents and noise pollution. I do not wish to be wholly negative; in principle it is good to have a village school but the issues above must be considered as this has a great impact on residents like myself.

Because of the traffic problems in Fairfield. There is only a small car park at the Fairfield Villa Social Club, parents are banned from using the car park at the village hall and hence there are cars parked in the street at dropping off and picking up times which is a danger to pedestrians and road users.

I don't think this will effect the reasons I chose Fairfield as my first choice. I think it will continue to provide high standards of education and retain its Village school environment.

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There are already traffic problems associated with parents travelling from outside of the area and obstructing local houses. The road is a nightmare already without adding an extra 30 vehicles twice a day. It is only a matter of time before an elderly person or a child is killed on this road. There is not even a school crossing patrol. Some of the parents from outside of the area are abusive to local residents. One particular person in a large 4 wheel drive vehicle with a horse box has sworn at local residents. Not really the sort of person that would be an asset to the school. For the record: inhabitants of Fairfield are not [REDACTED] as parents frequently refer to them. Plans to add an extra 12 parking spaces at Fairfield Football Club were rejected by the local council out of hand. Catshill first school is undersubscribed. Surely it would be safer for parents within walking distance of Catshill to take their children there. There is a development of 1300 houses planned off Perryfields road. Commuters from this estate will make the Stourbridge Road even more dangerous and congested. I believe, unless the council are being mendacious, that a new school is planned as part of this development. Therefore, this renders extra places at Fairfield unnecessary. This plan is of no benefit whatsoever to the locality.

Currently Fairfield is a small school which allows for mixed age classes, which I feel supports children in a unique way within Bromsgrove. To expand the school would enforce a 1 form entry, and withdraw choice from parents for a different and more flexible approach.

As a resident on School Drive, I would like to draw attention to the following:- School Drive is not a purpose built Road and with current volume of traffic to school - staff, school clubs staff, deliveries is already busy and at times hazardous. School Drive is narrow and there is not room for pedestrians and vehicles, my family/visitors and parents, visitors to the recreation ground have to move in and stand on my doorstep and at No 106 to allow vehicles to pass, this is dangerous and can be frightening to all concerned. The current parking situation in the village is already difficult, with pavements impassable to anyone with pushchairs, wheelchairs, and quite often leads to arguments between motorists and parents. The Headteacher has suggested Fairfield F.C could use the extra parking facilities, this just would not work, and could lead to cars parking the length of the drive as happens sometimes in the recreation car park, this would be downright dangerous. In the 30 months I have lived in the Fairfield, there has already been an increase in traffic through the village, which with housing developments at Perryfields can only keep increasing. In my experience it is unlikely that if the school did not expand, pupil numbers would fall, there is always a demand for places at a 'good' school. I am not against the school in the village but do oppose any proposal to expand unless investment is available to provide:- * The purchase of land to provide a car park adequate in size, with safe direct access from Stourbridge Road to ensure all parents can park safely, free up the Stourbridge Road and benefit the community as a whole. * Possible revised school start times enabling parents to drop off earlier and not wait around.

Any expansion to Fairfield First School without the investment to provide suitable and adequate parking for staff, parents school visitors would just make an already difficult and hazardous situation much worse. School Drive was never built to be a busy thoroughfare, it is too narrow for vehicles and pedestrians, pedestrians have to stand in on my doorstep and that of my neighbour to allow vehicles to pass. We have young grandchildren and would worry about their safety. Stourbridge Road is an increasingly busy Road and is difficult and hazardous at present and any increase in parking would make a bad situation intolerable.

I believe the expansion is much needed and will benefit the school and pupils providing necessary new classrooms which are fit for purpose and improve the look of the school.

I think the classes would provide a better learning environment for the children by having year groups together and not split between classes and the expansion of a second class would provide this much needed facility.

Single year classes, would be beneficial to both pupils and teaching staff. This would also allow additional reception spaces in Bromsgrove where demand for school places has risen due to additional local housing. It would also be a good time to replace static classrooms, which will need to be replaced in time. Carrying out all work in one go would hopefully minimise disruption to the village and school.

I feel that the school has so much to offer it's only a positive thing that they can offer it to more pupils

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Please give your reasons for your answer

Educational benefits for children - Single year classes and up to date, fit for purpose classrooms.

The village suffers from inconsiderate parking at school times already as well as other traffic issues like speeding putting lives at risk and the expansion will only add to this - in addition almost 75% of the children attending the school are from the village -

There are not enough places locally to give parents a good choice of school for their child.

Remove need for mixed year classes and removal of 'temporary' classrooms

The main reason we chose this school was it's small village family run and if made bigger will lose that.

My main objection to the proposed extension is lack of infrastructure for the increased traffic. Fairfield village is built along the busy B4091 Stourbridge Road. There is very little car parking at the Recreation ground car park. With only one entrance cars have very little room to turn around. Some vehicles reverse on to the busy Stourbridge Road. The village almost comes to a stand still with vehicles double parked on the road, making it impossible for farm tractors, HGV's, ambulances, etc getting through.

Any proposal to expand Fairfield First School must include suitable infrastructure investment that will enable a safe and accessible community for all (residents, school parents, children, visitors and passing motorists. Would it be possible to purchase land, to provide a suitable car park with safe, direct access from Stourbridge Road? Also traffic calming measures that slow vehicles down as they enter the village, reducing speed flow through the community.

Children will benefit greatly at not having mixed classes

There is a desperate issue with parking in the area, it's extremely dangerous and more pupils mean more cars. The lively hood of the current farmer who rents the land behind is at risk, currently he will be out of business if this goes ahead. Then there's the planning, this is in green belt we should not be expanding or building, what we need is more focus on the areas the children are coming from... my son is in this school, there are people from Rubery, Wychbold, frankly, who drive here, making it bigger is just going to make a current problem even worse.... maybe the schools in these areas need improving

The proposed school expansion will enable the school to build three new classrooms on adjacent land, enabling two 35 year old 'temporary' classrooms to be removed. The area vacated by the temporary classrooms can then be used as an enlarged playground or forest school area. It will also put an end to split year groups, which benefit both tracing and learning at the school. There are currently 4 classes spread across 5 year groups, the additional classroom created as part of the expansion will mean one class for each year group. This will help the school to build on its excellent reputation and academic results.

Benefits everyone involved and helps keep the village a thriving, active community.

The expansion is in all ways positive. It will allow for single year group teaching which will further enhance the learning provision. The removal of the outdated mobile units will create more outside space for learning and play. I understand that the expansion will create more on site parking for staff and visitors to the school, thus eliminating the need for parking in the village.

This is a very good school, increasing the PAN to accept class sizes of 30 being taught in single year groups, is a very exciting news for a prospective parent.

On Monday 3rd December 2018 the Parish Council passed a motion by a majority vote to support in principle the proposed expansion. The Council however passed a further motion unanimously making this support conditional upon proper consideration together by W.C.C. Highways Dept. and W.C.C. Education Dept. of the safety of the Stourbridge Road, Fairfield in order to minimise any risk to children and other road users due to the consequent increase in traffic movements, and upon the proper consideration of providing adequate parking facilities.

Single year classes could be more beneficial to pupils learning especially where key stages cross. The temporary classrooms are very old and in need of repair. Parking has been a big issue for the local community and having increased space may mean that staff could hopefully park on site.

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I feel that one form entry is beneficial both for the children and the staff. The replacement of the old mobile classrooms will reduce the school maintenance cost considerably. I do however feel that this expansion will be enough, as I do not want the character of the school to change from its present one as a 'village school'.

At present this is a popular school, and I feel that expansion to one form entry will ensure that future parents will find this school appealing

This nice will hopefully provide sustainability for many years to come.

I think that school places are in short supply and I believe that Fairfiled will continue to be an excellent school after the expansion benefiting many more children

Not enough parking for the people who attend... And the parents who drive blockbthe pathways so no access for pushchairs and wheelchairs users.. even though people picked the school for it's village feel, some school users annoy the villagers by blocking driveways... Even though the users that park badly have had children themselves and used pushchairs...

This is to accommodate the needs of people with school children who do not reside in the village and contribute financially via the precept as villagers do. There will be approximately 30 more cars (6 per year group) . . This is likely to be in the Green built. There has been negativity from planning dept due to green belt in the past regarding extending Fairfield recreation ground car park to accommodate on road traffic from school parents etc . Therefore unless there is a risk assessment and action by councils towards improving car park facilities and problems on the road with villagers being blocked in and verbally abused by parents who park inappropriately . There should also be provision of pedestrian crossing as it is extremely busy road to assist parents getting to from school. The path from recreation ground car park also floods and children have to walk through water . This is also a small village and there are catchment minority . However this could lead to destruction of village school and more creation of a town sized school. School should reflect no's in village not town centre

It will ensure the longevity of the school and will ultimately provide higher standard of education

More traffic on road it's a village school should stay that way

Mixed aged classes are not ideal to meet the needs of the current curriculum.

Th village and school are not able to cop with the additional traffic that would rise from more school places, the majority of children come from out of catchment area so places should be made available at inner schools where there is a more populated area and schools are better sited. The school facilities are also unsuited for additional children with the hall at capacity now, no parking for teachers, small playing area and no feasible place to build or extend.

It will give greater long term security to the existence of the school. Such smaller schools are seen by some to be more vulnerable. Enlargement of the school with encourage the school to develop education standards which are already very high

Do you feel that you have been provided with sufficient information at this stage?



What additional information would you have found useful in responding to this consultation?

Traffic problem update and how far away pupils live from villsge

N/A

A more comprehensive report of exactly what is being planned

Nothing - I feel more than fully informed.

None

The impact on traffic volume, speed and composition.

None that come to mind, though some information on how current funding will be rearranged with the need to employ additional staff with the new increased class number would probably be useful to effected parents.

The obvious issue is parking and access for more cars

None

What does it mean for the current students and how will it impact on them How will the community cope with increased numbers

None

N/a

I would like to know what plans there are for increased parking facilities. Quite simply, there are none. Increased parking for staff does not count as they do not cause disruption anyway. I would like to know what steps are in place to ensure the safety of children and elderly residents on a busy dangerous road. It is not good enough to say that residents should stay indoors during collection and drop off times. I would also like to know how this development benefits the local community? Parents from outside the community do not wish to be part of the community and have been disrespectful in church - sneering at Christian belief and considering a church service to be some sort of pantomime.

I think I have been provided with the information required.

Increase in staffing and support staff required

More detail on why other schools have been ruled out

No further information is required.

None - everything has been fully explained.

Comment on the planning position regarding any increase in buildings outside the exiting buildings / premises footprint

We have received lots of relevant information and updates from the school.

Only planning on taking 20 cars off the road is one of the options put forward but with the expansion there would be more card then that in it's place... Also teaching levels seems to not be able to cope with the children that are there let alone having moving children in.. More detail on actual size..

Measures to satisfy residents that should this go ahead their needs are being met to.

This would be a great opportunity for the school to move forward.

Poor communication as to what exactly is planned

