

# Full Proposal Document

**Name of School:**  
**Kings Heath Boys' School**

*Proposal to Enlarge the Premises of  
a School by Expansion*

## Introduction

Birmingham City Council, as the Local Authority for Birmingham, is consulting on a proposal to make changes to Kings Heath Boys' School.

## School Information

<b>Type:</b>	Community Secondary School		
<b>Name:</b>	Kings Heath Boys' School	<b>DFE:</b>	330 4063
<b>Address:</b>	Chamberlain Road, Birmingham B13 0QP		
<b>Ward:</b>	Billesley	<b>District:</b>	Selly Oak
<b>Age Range:</b>	11 - 16 years	<b>Capacity:</b>	600
<b>Last Ofsted:</b>	17/01/2013	<b>Ofsted Rating</b>	Overall Effectiveness: 2: Good

## What changes are proposed?

We are proposing to carry out the following changes to Kings Heath Boys' School

- Enlarge the premises of the school by expansion
- The current admission capacity of the school is 600; the proposed admission capacity is 840
- The current admission number is 120; The proposed admission number is 168
- The school has taken an additional 48 pupils in year 7 in September 2019 and 2020 on a temporary basis. This proposal will increase the admission number permanently to 168 from September 2021.

## Why do we want to do this?

Birmingham City Council is proposing the above prescribed changes, in line with our Additional Secondary Places Programme (ASP). Birmingham City Council, as the local authority for Birmingham, has a statutory duty to ensure sufficient school places. The city of Birmingham has a growing population with one of the youngest populations in Europe and the number of births in the city has risen rapidly over the last few years. In addition, Birmingham is also experiencing high levels of in year growth due to net migration into the city. The Local Authority is keen to ensure that future places are provided in the areas that they are needed; helping children to attend a school nearer to home and as part of their local community. The proposed changes at Kings Heath Boys School are considered appropriate for the current pupils at the school and is part of a programme to enhance the overall school accommodation solution for both the current and future pupils.

## Evidence of Demand

Our projected pupil numbers show that we need to provide an additional 67 forms of entry (classes of 30) which is over 2000 additional Year 7 places in the city between September 2019 and September 2024.

## When will these changes happen?

If the proposal is approved by the decision makers (following full consultation) it is intended that the proposal to enlarge Kings Heath Boys' School by expansion will come into effect from **1<sup>st</sup> September 2021**

## Why has this school been chosen?

Kings Heath Boys' School has received a judgement of "Good" in their last Ofsted inspection and we believe the school will be able to sustain the planned growth. The school is central to the area that has seen an increase in secondary place demand, it is popular with families seeking boys-only provision, has enough space to accommodate additional classrooms and we believe will be able to cope well with the additional pupils. Given the level of demand for school places we also believe that the expansion is unlikely to cause overprovision locally.

**How will this affect pupils at the school?**

Pupils will notice some changes but these are likely to be limited. The school will grow by 48 pupils in year 7. The school has already taken up to an additional 48 places in Year 7 in September 2019 and 2020. If the school is permanently expanded the school will continue to take a further 48 pupils in future Year 7 classes. This increase will feed through into subsequent year groups each year for the next 3 years so the change in pupil numbers will occur gradually and the school will be operating at 168 in each year group by September 2023 (see table below). The school may decide to organise the school differently to ensure educational continuity as the school expands, this will, as always, be the school's decision.

Please be reassured that the high standard of education and care for pupils will remain. The alterations will enable existing and future pupils to access high quality learning spaces and facilities.

Entry Year	Year 7	Year 8	Year 9	Year 10	Year 11	Total
Sept 2019	168	120	120	120	120	648
Sept 2020	168	168	120	120	120	696
Sept 2021	168	168	168	120	120	744
Sept 2022	168	168	168	168	120	792
Sept 2023	168	168	168	168	168	840

**Will there be any effect on other schools, academies and educational institutions within the area?**

Given the level of demand for school places we believe that the expansion is unlikely to cause overprovision locally.

**How will this affect staff?**

Staff will generally be unaffected; however, a larger school may offer more opportunities for professional development.

**Will there be changes to the building?**

The proposed increase in places means we will have to do some work at Kings Heath Boys' School. Additional available land has been identified at the school for building the additional classrooms and ancillary space required to implement the proposals. The expansion will also include some remodelling of the existing accommodation.

**What are the project costs for this proposal and how is it funded?**

The project to enlarge Kings Heath Boys' School is estimated at approximately £6.3 million and will be funded from the Department for Education (DfE) Basic Need Grant. Long term value for money will be achieved by providing appropriate accommodation that is fit-for-purpose and meets the education standards for 21st Century teaching provision.

**Will this definitely happen?**

No, there is a statutory process we must follow to make these sorts of changes to schools.

At the start of the term we sent a pre-publication letter to all parents, pupils and staff advising of these proposals and asking for any initial questions/comments by 18<sup>th</sup> September 2020.

We are now entering the statutory public consultation, referred to as the "representation period". All comments received during this representation period will be forwarded to the decision makers for consideration. Within two months of the end of the representation period the Council's Cabinet Member for Education Skills and Culture will make a final decision. It is only at that point that we will be able to say with certainty whether or not the school will enlarge by expansion with effect from **1<sup>st</sup> September 2021**.

**What will happen if this proposal is rejected?**

If a decision is taken that Kings Heath Boys' School should not be permanently expanded, apart from the additional places that they have already taken in September 2019 and September 2020, the school will continue to operate at its current size. Further additional places will have to be provided at another school which is likely to mean that some pupils will have to travel much further to school; this could leave this school open to an increase in admission appeals, which can result in larger class sizes.

**How can I make my views known?**

We welcome comments within the four-week consultation period between **24<sup>th</sup> September 2020 and 22<sup>nd</sup> October 2020.**

Anyone wishing to make comments, support or objections to this proposal may do so by any of the following methods;

- Through the BeHeard consultation website:  
[www.birminghambeheard.org.uk/people-1/kingsheathboys](http://www.birminghambeheard.org.uk/people-1/kingsheathboys)
- In writing to;  
Birmingham City Council's Estates Management Team through:  
Education and Infrastructure  
PO Box 15843  
Birmingham B2 2RT
- By emailing: [eds.enquiries@birmingham.gov.uk](mailto:eds.enquiries@birmingham.gov.uk)  
Please include **Kings Heath Boys'** in the email subject

A consultation response form can be found at the end of this document and can be used if anyone would like to send their comments in writing or by email.

**What happens next?**

The dates set out below meet the government requirements for us to consult fully with the people affected by the proposal.

Key dates

Action	Date
Statutory notice to be published	24th September 2020
Beginning of 4 week consultation period	24th September 2020
End of 4 week consultation period	22nd October 2020
Final decision to be made no later than	22nd December 2020
Implementation Date	1st September 2021

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Thank you for taking the time to send us your thoughts on these proposals.

### Consultation Response Form

Please help us to analyse your response by completing the following:

Your name (optional): \_\_\_\_\_

Your contact details (optional, if you would like a reply)

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Are you in favour of the proposal? (options, indicate one of the below):

(Yes) (No) (Neither/Don't know)

Your interest in the proposal (please indicate one of the below):

Pupil	
Parent	
School Governor	
School Staff	
Local Resident	
Local Councillor	
Member of Parliament	
Other (please specify)	

Please provide your comments to the proposal.