



# THE STONEHENGE SCHOOL

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Dear Parent/ Resident

## Potential Expansion of The Stonehenge School, Amesbury

### Background

The Stonehenge School needs to expand because of a growing primary school population and new housing being developed in the town. The Wiltshire Core Strategy identifies 2,785 houses to be built in the Amesbury community area by 2026 of which approximately 60% have yet to be completed. The remaining housing is predicted to generate in excess of 300 additional secondary aged pupils and although there is a level of surplus currently it is anticipated that along with the impact of Army Basing expansion of The Stonehenge School will be required.

2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025
820	820	820	820	820	820	820	820	820
693	776	847	909	944	994	1060	1087	1122
127	44	-27	-89	-124	-174	-240	-267	-302

**Forecasts:** Red figures show when school reaches/exceeds capacity, indicating that The Stonehenge School will exceed capacity by the academic year 2019.

### The proposal

The Stonehenge School Governors and Wiltshire Council are seeking views on a proposal to expand the school from 820 to 1150 students aged 11 to 16. This would start in 2018 with 60 extra students in each age group. The expansion will be funded by the Council from funds provided by the DfE and developer contributions secured by legal agreements as part planning process.

To enable the school to expand it is proposed to provide additional classrooms and learning spaces. Extra teaching and non- teaching staff would be recruited. In developing the plans further, the school will seek to maintain as much as possible of the external play space on site. The accommodation would be built to government requirements and guidelines.



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Planning permission for the building works will be required should the proposal proceed.

### ***The views of The Stonehenge School***

We have discussed the proposal and support the principle of expansion so that we can help meet the need for school places in the local area. There are disadvantages as well as advantages to expansion and we summarise below some of these. We recognise that this list is not exhaustive and have left space on the attached questionnaire for you to add your views. Should the plans progress we will keep you informed at every stage.

#### *Advantages*

- The school would be better able to meet the needs of more of the local community who wish for their children to attend their local school.
- Additional places would be available for children living nearby
- Job creation and greater career progression opportunities for members of staff. The expansion of the school would provide further teaching posts and other related roles from 2018.
- Increased financial flexibility and resourcing for the school.
- New facilities for teaching and learning.

#### *Disadvantages*

- The school size will increase, but this will happen incrementally over five years. We will preserve a “family” feel so that students know the staff in their area and don’t feel lost.
- Some disruption may occur during the building works on the site and in the local area which would need to be managed very carefully.

### **Have your say**

We need your views to assist us in making a decision on expansion.

### **IMPORTANT**

**There will be a meeting at the school to discuss the expansion proposal. This will be held at The Stonehenge School Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> November 5pm to 6:30pm, in the lower school dining room.**

### **What happens next?**

- *November 2016 consultation starts;*
- *Early December 2016 deadline for responses to the consultation*
- *Late December 2016 Stonehenge School considers consultation responses with the Council and both decide whether or not to proceed. Update for parents on progress.*
- *February 2017 Planning Application*
- *May 2017 Planning determination*
- *June 2017 Contractor Starts on Site*
- *July 2018 Completion and Handover*

**Please take time to complete the attached questionnaire so that we can get your feedback. In order for us to collate your responses, please return the questionnaire to school by midday on Friday 9<sup>th</sup> December 2016 (4 Weeks)**

## The Stonehenge School - feedback form

Please indicate your views on the proposal to expand The Stonehenge School from September 2018 by ticking the most appropriate box.

Expansion of The Stonehenge School would mean we could:	Strongly Agree	Agree	Neither agree nor disagree	Disagree	Strongly Disagree	Don't know
Improve educational facilities for students						
Help meet the growing demand for school places:						
Offer more places to students within the area						
I support the proposal:						

Please add other comments on the proposal (continue overleaf if necessary):

**For your views to be counted, you must provide your full name and address. Only one response per person will be accepted. We will not pass on your personal information to a third party. Your views will be treated as strictly confidential.**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Postcode \_\_\_\_\_

I am a:

Parent/Carer    
 Member of Staff    
 Local Resident   
 Governor at School    
 Prospective Parent    
 Other, specify  \_\_\_\_\_

**Please return the questionnaire to school by midday on Friday 9<sup>th</sup> December 2016. Boxes for completed forms will be placed in the school office reception area. Alternatively, please post to:**

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