



Statutory notices

Expansion of Ash Grange Nursery and Primary School



September 2026



School Organisation Statutory Notice

Notice is given in accordance with Section 15 of the Education and Inspections Act 2006, as amended by the Education Act 2011, that Surrey County Council is proposing to expand Ash Grange Nursery and Primary School.

Local authority details

Local Authority	Surrey County Council
Address	Woodhatch Place 11 Cockshot Hill Reigate Surrey RH2 8EF

School details

Name of School	Ash Grange Nursery and Primary School
Category of School	Primary
Type of School	Community
URN	125116
Address	Ash Church Road, Ash, Aldershot
Postcode	GU12 6LX

Introduction

This paper outlines a proposal to expand Ash Grange Nursery and Primary School (Ash Grange) from a one form entry (1FE) primary school to a two-form entry (2FE) primary school from September 2028. If the proposal was agreed, the expansion would be phased, with the school growing incrementally, year on year. This means that existing year groups would remain their current size and each new Reception intake would increase from 30 to 60 pupils from September 2028 onwards. The statutory process and timescales for the proposal are detailed below.

Proposal

Surrey County Council are proposing to expand Ash Grange from September 2028 from a 1FE primary school to a 2FE primary school.

Proposed timeline

Phase	Date
Statutory notices	7 September 2026 – 5 October 2026
Cabinet Member for Children, Families and Lifelong Learning Decision	October 2026
Implementation	September 2028

Making Representations, Objections and Comments

1. This is a four-week representation period which starts on Monday 7 September 2026 and concludes on Monday 5 October 2026.
2. Any person can make comments, agree, or object to the proposal by sending representations to the Local Authority through the following channels:

Website	www.surreysays.co.uk
Email	schoolorg@surreycc.gov.uk
Post	Education Place Planning Surrey County Council Woodhatch Place 11 Cockshot Hill Reigate Surrey RH2 8EF

Background

3. Ash Grange is a community primary school. The school is situated in Ash, within the borough of Guildford. The school was rated “Good” by Ofsted in its last full inspection in June 2025.
4. Ash Grange is a one form entry primary school for pupils aged 4-11 years; it has a Published Admissions Number (PAN) of 30 and an overall place capacity of 210 places.
5. The school also has an attached nursery, with those places being offered separately.

Rationale

6. Although demand for primary school places has fallen at a county level, Ash and the surrounding area are experiencing the opposite trend as demand for primary school places is rising. This is because of the large scale of additional housing developments in the area.
7. This proposal is also a response to parental preference. Ash Grange consistently receives more first-preference applications than its PAN of 30. For September 2026, the school received 65 first-preference applications, more than double the number of available places.
8. Expanding Ash Grange will enable more children from the local community to attend their local school and will be beneficial in seeking to meet parental preference when offering school places. It will reduce travel distances for families and ensure that school provision keeps pace with the area’s growing and sustained demand.

What would this proposal mean for the school?

9. Should this proposal go ahead, the day-to-day experience for children already attending Ash Grange would remain broadly similar. The main changes over time would be the addition of new classrooms and a gradual, incremental increase in the number of pupils in the school.
10. Subject to the outcome of this proposal, work would be required to the existing site to expand it and make it suitable to accommodate additional pupils. This would involve the creation of new classrooms and additional toilets.
11. The construction of the proposed extension would require a new haulage road to be in place for the duration of the construction period as the use of the existing school access is not possible due to site specific restrictions. The proposed extension and formation of the haulage road will require planning permission.

Admissions

12. If the proposal is agreed, the school's PAN would increase from 30 to 60 from September 2028. This means the school would be able to offer more Reception places each year.
13. Aside from the increase in PAN, there would be no changes proposed to Ash Grange School's admissions arrangements, with all existing admissions criteria and processes remaining the same.

Equality Impact Assessment

14. An Equality Impact Assessment is being completed throughout the consultation process and will be published as part of the Cabinet Member decision meeting.

Consultations, approvals, and overall timescales

15. It is proposed that this school organisational change is implemented from September 2028. The proposed changes required an initial period of consultation.
16. A public consultation was open from Monday 1 June 2026 and concluded on Monday 13 July 2026. During this period, Surrey County Council shared its proposal with the wider professional network, other schools including headteachers and chairs of governors, with unions, parent representatives, partner agencies and with the staff and parent/carers community of the school. The associated documentation was published on Surrey County Council's 'Surrey Says' website and circulated to local stakeholders. Interested parties were invited to return responses to the consultation via an online form or alternatively by email or post.

17. The consultation analysis is published on the Surrey County Council consultation website [add link when generated] alongside this document.
18. The final decision on the proposal will be made by Surrey County Council's Cabinet Member for Children, Families and Lifelong Learning in October 2026.

Key points from the consultation responses:

- There were **53** responses to the consultation and nearly half supported the proposal to expand the school. However, there were also a significant proportion that were unsure, with majority of these being local residents and most citing concerns regarding traffic and parking, rather than an education specific rationale.
19. The representation period is now open for a four-week period from Monday 7 September 2026 to Monday 5 October 2026, during which Statutory Notices are published. This is when the local authority formally states its specific significant change proposal for this school. This will be the final opportunity for consultees to make their views known before a final decision is taken. Following the representation period, officers will summarise the feedback and will report to Surrey County Council's Cabinet Member for Children, Families and Lifelong Learning.

What happens next?

20. You can make representations, objections and comments using the online form at www.surreysays.co.uk. Alternatively, you can respond by email or post at the addresses given in the section 'Making Representations, Objections and Comments'.