



# HOLMESDALE COMMUNITY INFANT SCHOOL & NURSERY

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## **Email from HT/Chair of Governors to parent/carers affected school parents (non RPJS): SCC consultation on the provision of primary school places in Reigate**

Dear parents and carers,

You may be aware that, earlier this year, Surrey County Council submitted a planning application to move Reigate Priory Junior School to a new site at Woodhatch Place on Cockshot Hill after assessing various locations in the area that could accommodate a new school. The application was not approved at that point, and some parents, carers and residents shared concerns about moving the school to the Woodhatch Place site. The council has a duty to ensure children have access to education that is safe, accessible, and fit for the future.

The Department for Education has confirmed that the current Reigate Priory Junior School building is not in line with modern learning requirements and its listed status restricts any re-provision or redevelopment of a like-for-like school on the same site.

As the school, in its current size, cannot remain on this site in the long-term, Surrey County Council is considering all options available to maintain the required number of school places in the area, and will be running a public education consultation from today. The aim of the consultation is to hear the local community's views on the future of primary school provision in the Reigate area, including Reigate Priory Junior School. After the consultation period has ended, Surrey County Council's Cabinet will consider feedback from the consultation, alongside the viability of any solutions, to decide on the best option to take forward.

This consultation could affect people with children of primary school age, future parents, and businesses and residents living close to current Reigate schools. It will be open to any member of the public and will run for eight weeks, starting on 27 November 2023 and it will close at 23.59 on 21 January 2024.

You can read full details of the consultation and have your say via a dedicated webpage:

### **Engagement events**

Surrey County Council will be hosting public engagement events in December and January to outline and discuss the consultation options. You are welcome to join these events.

Details of the first event:

Book here: <http://bit.ly/reigateprimaryschools>

Date: Wednesday 6 December

Location: Gymnasium, Reigate Priory School, Bell Street, Reigate, Surrey, RH2 7RL

Parking: Bell Street carpark free after 18:00

Alternative parking: Bancroft Road, 26A Church Street, Reigate and Banstead, RH2 7RP

Time: 18:30-20:00 hrs (entry to venue from 18:15)



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**This meeting is open to everyone however spaces are limited to 250 people. If you would like to attend, please book your place via the link below to avoid disappointment. For health and safety reasons we will be unable to allow more than 250 people into the event space.**

**Find out more about the consultation**

Surrey County Council will engage openly throughout the consultation process and will be sharing updates via a dedicated webpage, with a section for frequently asked questions:

[www.surreycc.gov.uk/reigateprimaryschoolsprovision](http://www.surreycc.gov.uk/reigateprimaryschoolsprovision)

You can also follow updates via this community Facebook page:

[www.facebook.com/reigateprimaryschoolsprovision](https://www.facebook.com/reigateprimaryschoolsprovision)

We ask that views and suggestions are shared online via the consultation portal, where possible. If you have any questions, or if you would like a copy of the consultation document in another format, e.g. large print or braille, or another language, please email:

[reigateprimaryschools@surreycc.gov.uk](mailto:reigateprimaryschools@surreycc.gov.uk)

Representatives from Surrey County Council will be visiting Holmesdale to discuss this with you and to answer questions on Monday 27<sup>th</sup> November and Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> December at 2pm in our school hall.

I encourage you to take part in the consultation once it's live. As parents and carers, your views are extremely important and will be considered as part of Surrey County Council's Cabinet decision making.

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