

**STATEMENT IN SUPPORT OF AN APPLICATION FOR PLANNING PERMISSION
TO PROVIDE ONE FORM OF ENTRY PRIMARY SCHOOL AT EASTERGATE CE
PRIMARY SCHOOL, CHURCH LANE, EASTERGATE, PO20 3UT**

1. Proposal

To increase the existing 5 classroom school to a 7 classroom 1 form entry school with 210 pupils by providing a new Early Years Centre.

2. Education Background and General Educational Situation

The extension is required to provide classrooms for the increased numbers of pupils at the school. West Sussex County Council's guiding principles for primary schools are that wherever possible:

- 4 – 11 all through primary schools should be established
- They should have a minimum of one form entry (fe); and
- The pattern of schools should ensure that a primary school is readily accessible to its pupils and, in urban areas, within walking distance of the homes of the majority of its children

The current net capacity is 140 school places. The expansion of this school to 1 form entry will accommodate a net capacity of 210 school places on a PAN of 30. Therefore an additional 2 classrooms are required to provide 60 places to allow the school to admit 30 pupils of reception age year on year. This will accommodate the trend of the growth in numbers given the parental preference in the area and provides the opportunity to help the organisation of the school by establishing a 1fe school in accordance with West Sussex County Council's guiding principles for primary schools.

3. Associated Works

Landscape works, extending play areas and parking provision are also part of the scheme.

4. Contacts

Should you require any further assistance in respect of the content of this supporting statement submission please contact the appropriate officer.

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