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Dear Parents & Carers,

**Re: Initial Consultation on Proposal to Permanently Expand Hillside Infant and Hillside Junior Schools.
8 November 2016.**

The Local Authority is holding a consultation on a proposal to expand Hillside Infant and Junior schools. Further details are set out below.

What we are proposing to do

It is proposed to expand Hillside Infant and Junior school, so that each year-group will have 90 places instead of 60. This would mean that the total number of children that the infant school can admit would be 270 (compared with 180 now) and the total number of children that the junior school can admit would be 360 (compared with 240 now). Nursery places are on top of these figures.

Building work will be undertaken to provide the extra space needed.

Admitting extra children is phased in over a seven year period. There has already been an extra Reception class this year, which has added 30 places. An additional 30 places would be added with each new entry into Reception over a six year period, from September 2017. By September 2018, all year-groups in the infant school, will have increased. The first junior year-group with extra places would be in September 2019. By 2022, all year-groups in both schools would have 90 places.

The infant and junior schools have been in discussion with the Local Authority about expansion. Building plans have been developed and a planning application has been submitted recently.

Why is expansion needed?

The number of children needing school places in the Borough has grown, mainly due to an increase in birth-rates. Many other schools have expanded already.

How to Respond

If you would like to make any comments at this stage, you can pass them to the school and it will send them on to the Local Authority. Or you can e-mail any comments direct to: vrogers@hillingdon.gov.uk.

Any comments must arrive by Friday **9 December 2016**.

What happens next?

All comments received will be considered. The next stage would be a legal process that includes publishing a notice in a local newspaper and on the schools' websites. This would be in early January 2017. There would be another 4 weeks for comments. Following this process, a decision on the expansions would be made by the Local Authority. This consultation is separate from consultation on the planning application itself, which you can also comment on.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs V. Shepherd
Headteacher

