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## **Public Notice and Complete Proposal for Summerhill Primary School, Poverty Lane, Maghull**

Notice is given in accordance with Regulations 4 and 5 of the School Organisation (Prescribed Alterations to Maintained Schools) (England) Regulations 2013 that Sefton Council intends to make a prescribed alteration to Summerhill Community Primary School, Poverty Lane, Maghull, L31 3DT from 1 September 2024.

Sefton Council is proposing to expand Summerhill Primary School and increase the admission number from 30 to 60 with effect from 1 September 2024.

The current capacity of the school is 210 and the proposed capacity will be 420 when all the building works are completed. The current number of pupils registered at the school is 209.

This Notice is an extract from the complete proposal. Copies of the complete proposal can be obtained from the School Organisation Team, School Support Services, Sefton Council, Town Hall, Oriel Road, Bootle L20 7AE, telephone 0151 934 3427. This is also available on the Sefton Council website at [www.sefton.gov.uk/schools-learning/school-organisation](http://www.sefton.gov.uk/schools-learning/school-organisation)

Within four weeks from the date of publication of these proposals, any person may object to or make comments on the proposal by sending them to the School Organisation Team, School Support Services, Sefton Council, Town Hall, Oriel Road, Bootle L20 7AE or by email to: [school.organisation@sefton.gov.uk](mailto:school.organisation@sefton.gov.uk)

Signed: D Johnson, Chief Executive and Authorised Officer of Sefton Metropolitan Council

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## **PROPOSAL TO EXPAND SUMMERHILL PRIMARY SCHOOL, POVERTY LANE, MAGHULL L31 3DT**

### **Introduction**

Sefton Council is proposing to expand Summerhill Primary School from a one form entry school with an admission number of 30 to a two form entry school with an admission number of 60 with effect from 1 September 2024.

### **Local Authority contact details**

The proposal to expand Summerhill Primary School is being published by Sefton Council. Contact details: School Organisation Team, School Support Services, Sefton Council, Town Hall, Oriel Road, Bootle L20 7AE, email: [school.organisation@sefton.gov.uk](mailto:school.organisation@sefton.gov.uk)

### **School**

Summerhill Community Primary School currently caters for up to 210 pupils aged 4 to 11 and is located in Poverty Lane, Maghull L31 3DT. The school does not have a nursery.

### **Description of alteration and evidence of demand**

Sefton Council is proposing to expand Summerhill Primary School and increase the admission number from 30 to 60 with effect from 1 September 2024.

The current capacity of the school is 210 and the proposed capacity will be 420 when all the building works are completed. The pupil numbers will increase gradually as the new admission number works its way through the school. The current number of pupils registered at the school is 209 (January 2022 School Census).

The number of homes in Maghull are set to increase as there are several major housing developments taking place with more planned in the future as part of Sefton's Local Plan. Schools in Maghull are very popular and it is often difficult to find places for pupils moving into the area.

Table 1 below shows the number of places available in the Maghull and Aintree area in January 2022. Demand for places in primary schools in Maghull is expected to continue to increase particularly with new houses being built and many of the schools do not have space to expand.

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Table 1: Empty Places in Maghull & Aintree as at 20<sup>th</sup> January 2022 (School Census)

<b>School</b>	<b>R</b>	<b>Y1</b>	<b>Y2</b>	<b>Y3</b>	<b>Y4</b>	<b>Y5</b>	<b>Y6</b>	<b>Total</b>
Aintree Davenhill	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Hudson Primary	0	0	1	0	0	5	0	6
Northway Primary	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1
Summerhill Primary	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	3
Green Park Primary	2	0	0	0	0	0	2	4
Melling Primary	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	2
Lydiate Primary	17	8	23	16	9	5	5	83
St Andrew's CE	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
St Thomas CE	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
St George's Catholic	7	0	2	0	2	1	0	12
St Gregory's Catholic	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	2
Holy Rosary Catholic	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	2
St John Bosco Catholic	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>117</b>

Housebuilding in the Maghull & Aintree Planning area is set to continue for many years to come and according to recent figures received from the Planning Department 2,426 homes are planned to be built between 2021/22 and 2035/36. Based on current figures (17.5 primary pupils per one hundred homes) this could result in an additional pupil yield of 425 primary pupils.

### **Objectives (including how the proposal would increase educational standards and parental choice)**

As the strategic commissioner of school provision, the Local Authority has a duty to ensure that there are sufficient good quality school places for the residents of Sefton.

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It is becoming increasingly difficult to offer parents a school place in Maghull particularly when they have more than one child and are moving into the area. The proposed expansion will offer 30 additional places per year group which will give more choice to parents, have a positive impact on the education of the pupils and reduce the cost of transporting pupils to other schools with spare capacity.

### **The effect on other schools, academies and educational institutions within the area**

In January 2022 most of the primary schools in the Maghull & Aintree area were oversubscribed. The additional places will take some of the pressure off the other schools and provide more choice for parents.

### **Project costs and indication of how these will be met, including how long term value for money will be achieved**

The project cost is estimated as £3.79 million, this will be phased over 2 years. The funding will be provided from financial contributions from the developers of the land East of Maghull. This site was subject to a Section 106 planning obligation to secure a financial contribution for providing school places in the area. Each phase will be tendered and awarded on a value for money basis in accordance with the latest procurement legislation.

### **Implementation and any proposed stages for implementation**

Providing this is approved by the proposal will go ahead on 1 September 2024 once the initial building works are completed. The school will admit up to 60 pupils in Reception for the 2024/25 academic year onwards.

### **The procedure for responses: support, objections and comments**

A public notice was published in the Maghull Champion on 7 February 2022. The notice is displayed at all main entrances to the school. It is also available on Sefton Council's website at: [www.sefton.gov.uk/schools-learning/school-organisation](http://www.sefton.gov.uk/schools-learning/school-organisation)

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