

Thank you for your continued emails. Questions that we do not know the answers to, we will revisit as information becomes available from County. Our replies to the latest emails are:

Qu. (With) Reference all the new houses being built in Angmering and Littlehampton would it not be beneficial to build a new school in these locations rather than East Preston take the intake or is there a plan for the whole area regards to increased places at all the schools or just EPIS?

We can only comment on information that is certain.

The only new school being built next year is in Horsham. There are 6 primary schools in West Sussex that are being permanently expanded to include one or more additional years, including one in Rustington. (Rustington Community School in North Lane) 2 schools, (us and 1 in Bognor) are listed as requiring 2 temporary classrooms for the next academic year.

Again we can't confirm what will happen in the Academic year 2016/17 or what building works/or expansion there will be. This is because County have not yet assigned funds for the next financial year or declared the number of pupils who need places (they won't know till the application forms have been submitted by parents before January 2016).

Qu. (With) Reference the Children, some of which are mine, will the playgrounds be extended to cope with such a big increase of numbers? Are there drawing plans of where the eventually new 6 pods will go.

Please note that as much as we would like to give reassurance about what will be happening in future, we simply can't. However we would like to point out that of the 10 governors on the Governing Body, 4 Governors currently have children in the Infant school or about to start and 3 Governors work there. At present, the only thing that is certain is that County are placing a pod containing two classrooms, this summer, next to the Reception playground. The plans are being discussed and when the final plans are available, we will of course put a copy on the website. As the only certain expansion is the extra 20 pupils, in a Reception class, the reception playground is due to be enlarged. The possible future expansion, if needed, is likely to be an extension rather than further pods.

Qu. This will clearly encroach on the space available for the children to play, both in the playground and in the fields, has this been planned?

The Pod will encroach slightly on the field. However, the playing field is still sufficiently large and there will still be available space left for playtimes, PE lessons and Sports day. The main playground won't be affected by this development. The Reception playground will be enlarged.

Qu. As you may have guessed I'm very disappointed with this announcement. It appears poorly planned by the County Council not taking into account where all the new houses have been built, insufficient infrastructure in place (including roads), no discussion with the local people / parents who live around East Preston Infant and Junior School and most importantly not in the children's best interests, with up to 120 children in each year when they are at such a young age, I now need to reconsider if I want my 3rd child to attend EPIS in 2016.

Again we cannot answer this question, as we would like to. The only certainty is that 20 extra children will join our school this September. Any possible further growth will be dealt with by a Public Consultation organised and run by County. We will publish any information as soon as we have it.

Qu. I am keen to hear directly from the County Council, please advise with whom I need to raise this?

Please see the answer to the previous question.

Claire Sayers (Chair)

On behalf of the Governing body