

Public Notice

New Primary School Competition in Kingston upon Thames

In accordance with section 7(5) of the Education and Inspections Act 2006, the Royal Borough of Kingston upon Thames gives notice that following their notice of 14 January 2011 inviting proposals for a new mainstream primary school at the site of Surbiton Hospital, Ewell Road, Surbiton, Kingston upon Thames KT6 6EZ, the following proposals have been received.

(1) Lilac Sky Schools, Providence House, Draymans Grove, Great Notley, Chelmsford, Essex, CM77 7GY has submitted a proposal to establish a new Primary Academy called Sky Primary Academy

Lilac Sky Schools is an organisation which has worked with a number of Local Authorities and schools and has experience in running, supporting and transforming schools. It will run the Academy for the first three years to support its development.

Sky Primary Academy will be an innovative school which involves and includes all its pupils no matter their background or ability. The Academy will be a fun place to be, which aims to make everyone's day. The Academy will be safe and welcoming, the second most important place for pupils next to home. The Academy shall follow the Lilac Sky strategy and be relentless in the pursuit of high educational standards for all. Excellent attendance and positive relationships in the school will be expected.

Sky Primary Academy will not have a religious character. It will meet the need for places in the Surbiton area and serve local pupils who largely live within walking distance of the school.

The Academy will adopt the Local Authority Fair Access Admissions Policy and Over-Subscription criteria. If over-subscribed places will be offered in the following priority; Looked After Children, those with a sibling on roll at time of admission, exceptional family, social or medical need and proximity to the school based on shortest approved walking route.

Sky Primary Academy will offer a comprehensive range of extended services which respond to both the needs of the academy population and the wider community. The Academy will be expected to be open at all times of the day, evening and weekends – to support local families with a range of family, adult learning and leisure activities otherwise inaccessible. The Sky Academy will become a true hub in the local area for the school to help transform not only the education of its youngsters but also their health and cultural horizons.

The proposal is fully in accordance with the outline specification.

(2) The Surbiton Education Health Trust co-ordinated by the Royal Borough of Kingston upon Thames, Learning and Children's Services Directorate, Guildhall 2, Kingston upon Thames, KT1 1EU has submitted a proposal to establish a new Trust School with a Foundation called Lime Tree Primary School

The Surbiton Education Health Trust is a partnership of four equal, experienced education and health partners coordinated by Kingston upon Thames Local Authority (LA).

The partners of the trust are: Royal Borough of Kingston upon Thames, NHS Kingston, South West London Health Partnerships and Your Health Care.

The Surbiton Education Health Trust has an ambitious vision for education. They intend that Lime Tree Primary school will provide an outstanding educational experience for local children so that: all children will enjoy learning, make excellent progress, attain high outcomes and be helped to become confident individuals and responsible citizens; all children will benefit from strong leadership, an inclusive ethos, excellent teaching, and a broad and balanced curriculum, in a local school; all children will be supported and encouraged to lead healthy lives.

It is not proposed for Lime Tree Primary school to have a religious character. Instead the school will recognise and educate children about a variety of different faiths (particularly those present within the community) in order to teach respect and understanding for all backgrounds, faiths and family heritage and to encourage social cohesion.

Lime Tree Primary school will adopt the approved admissions criteria used for Kingston's community schools. If over-subscribed, places will be offered in the following priority; Looked After Children, those with a sibling on roll at time of admission, exceptional family, social or medical need and proximity to the school based on shortest approved walking route.

Lime Tree Primary school will be open before and after normal school hours, at weekends and during school holidays to provide services for children, young people and their families. This will include a range of educational, leisure and health activities provided directly by the school or through partner agencies, including the third sector.

The proposal is fully in accordance with the outline specification.

Within six weeks from the date of publication of these proposals (by Friday 15 July 2011), any person may make comments on the proposals by sending them to: Strategic Business, Guildhall, Royal Borough of Kingston upon Thames, Freepost KT644, Kingston, KT1 1EU

To hear more about the proposals come along to a public meeting at 7pm on Tuesday 14 June 2011 at Dysart School, 190 Ewell Rd, Surbiton, KT6 6HL.

A brief summary document has been produced which outlines the specification for the school and the proposals received. It has been circulated in the Surbiton area so that interested parties can contribute their views on the proposals. It is available along with the full proposals at www.kingston.gov.uk/primary_expansion where comments can also be submitted online. Copies of full proposals and the summary document can also be obtained from the address above, at Surbiton Library, Ewell Road, KT6 6AG or by calling 0208 547 5306.

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Explanatory Note:

1. Following the deadline for comments these will be forwarded to the Office of the Schools Adjudicator who will make the decision on who will provide the new school.

