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TOLLESBURY NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

1. How many pupils can you take without increasing class numbers?

Early Years: 30 for admission, overall 120 pupils. However the school has the capacity to take in 210 pupils.

2. What are central government plans/policy regarding pupil increase?
 - a. Does central government pay for the extra building and staff costs or does the developer?

I far as I am aware, central government (local authority)

3. If there was a substantial increase in pupil numbers due to a large housing development in the village

- a. Do you have the land/ space for extra classrooms:

Yes for 2 extra classrooms, so we have 7 potential classrooms.

- a. Are you able to increase

- o the assembly hall: the hall can hold 210 pupils already
- o kitchen facilities: no but the kitchen was built to accommodate 210 pupils
- o playground space and sports areas: these are not a problem, there is sufficient space outdoors.

- b. With an increase in pupils

- a. How easy is it to employ good competent teachers to ensure the correct staff pupil ratio?

There is a national shortage of qualified teachers at present and our school has found it incredibly difficult to recruit. However, teachers might be attracted to a school with more pupils as the workload tends to diminish (more hands on deck) and more curriculum choices.

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b. The availability of teaching assistants, cooks, kitchen and office staff

This is not a problem and availability should be good.

c. Is there or would there be a need with increased pupil numbers for a breakfast and after school club?

Yes probably there would be.

Additional notes:

We would welcome an increase in pupil numbers and we believe it will effect the school in good and positive ways:

- Bigger budget and more choices (economies of scales i.e. it is more expensive to plan a residential for 15 than it is to plan for 30 pupils for instance; £ 2,800 per pupil to the school with similar local authority costs means there is more money for the curriculum)
- Already committed staff who could develop better professionally
- A more varied set of pupils
- A closer working relationship with Tollesbury School perhaps.

With the now imposed national Academy agenda, schools need to be thinking about working in collaboration with local schools in order to share resources, personnel etc... an idea to bear in mind with the possibility of a local neighbourhood plan.