

CONSULTATION ON THE PROPOSAL TO EXPAND THE CAPACITY OF ST JOHN'S, MARLBOROUGH BY 40 PLACES.

Period of Consultation 29th January – 8th March 2021

- New housing developments in Marlborough, Ogbourne and Savernake will mean there will soon be a need for additional secondary school places.
- **Section 106** funding will be used to develop a Sports Hall facility on land previously identified for sports use which will help meet the requirements for an increased pupil population in the St John's catchment. **Section 106** funding agreements are negotiated between a developer and the local council to help make new home schemes more attractive to communities. It can be used to help **fund** affordable housing as well as roads, parks, youth services and school buildings.
- On completion of the Sports Hall build, there will need to be increased capacity for pupil growth from within the St John's defined catchment area. This build is driven by **Section 106** funding being released from housing developments which the Local Authority forecast will increase the need for 40 additional secondary school places. The current net capacity of the school is 1620. The developments and forecast places are as follows: Salisbury Road (34 places), Poole's Yard (3 places) and Tottenham House (3 places).
- On completion of the Sports Hall build, St John's will seek to implement the capacity increase by providing a further 8 places in Year 7. This will increase intake from 263 to 271 pupils. Consequently, the required capacity growth of 40 pupils will be spread over the following 5 years.
- The increase in capacity fulfils the criteria set by the Local Authority to access the required **Section 106** funding.
- A consultation in the immediate community, carried out in November 2020, on the proposed build project has been overwhelmingly positive and supports this development need. St John's values the opinions of its community and we are seeking your views regarding this increase in capacity. Presently, it is not possible to hold a public consultation meeting on this issue. If you wish to comment, please contact us via admissions@stjohns.excalibur.org.uk

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