

Evaluation of options: Four Tests: Bishop's Stortford

No	Option	Reduce surplus places and provide places where they are needed to meet demand	Enhance capacity to raise educational standards, reduce risk of under-performance or serious weakness, and offer extended schools	Have acceptable implications for building design, environmental impact, and cost	Have acceptable transitional arrangements for affected pupils
Up to 0.5fe permanent from 2018					
1	Permanent expansion of St Joseph's RC Primary School by 0.5fe to 2fe from 2018/19.	<p>Yes/No</p> <p>Whilst the forecast isn't indicating a demand for additional places, recent trends have indicated some additional places may be helpful.</p> <p>This option offers additional faith places (of which a demand can be demonstrated) and would provide some flexibility to meet unexpected increases in demand, for new families moving into the area at reception and in-year and in advance of the new primary provision being delivered at BSN.</p>	<p>Yes</p> <p>The school is rated <i>Outstanding</i> by Ofsted.</p> <p>Expansion to 2fe would be in accordance with Hertfordshire County Council's preference to establish schools of 'at least 2 f.e.'. Larger schools can offer a broad curriculum, including extended schooling, and enhanced opportunities for staff development. A 2fe school would manage fluctuations in pupil numbers more easily than a smaller school.</p>	<p>Yes</p> <p>Property advice indicates the site is tight in capacity terms but is capable of expansion in both site capacity and town planning terms, but may require access to additional playing facilities.</p> <p>Highways advice indicates that additional staff car parking will be required.</p> <p><u>Cost</u> LOW</p>	<p>Yes</p> <p>An EqIA assessment does not identify any negative impact on groups with protected characteristics as a result of these proposals.</p> <p>Building project teams to manage construction to ensure minimum disruption to the operation of the school.</p>
2	Permanent expansion of Richard Whittington Primary School by 0.5fe to 2fe from 2018/19.	<p>Yes/No</p> <p>Whilst the forecast isn't indicating a demand for additional places, recent trends have indicated some additional places may be helpful.</p> <p>This option would provide some flexibility to meet</p>	<p>Yes</p> <p>The school is rated <i>Good</i> by Ofsted.</p> <p>Expansion to 2fe would be in accordance with Hertfordshire County Council's preference to establish schools of 'at least 2 f.e.'. Larger schools can offer a broad curriculum, including extended schooling, and</p>	<p>Yes/No</p> <p>Property advice indicates that although the site topography is challenging, the site is capable of expansion in both site capacity and town planning terms.</p> <p>This option would replace temporary buildings with permanent.</p> <p>Highways advice indicates that additional staff car parking would be required and some on site works if a</p>	<p>Yes</p> <p>An EqIA assessment does not identify any negative impact on groups with protected characteristics as a result of these proposals.</p> <p>Building project teams to</p>

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		unexpected increases in demand, for new families moving into the area at reception and in-year and in advance of the new primary provision being delivered at BSN.	enhanced opportunities for staff development. A 2fe school would manage fluctuations in pupil numbers more easily than a smaller school.	permanent expansion. <u>Cost</u> MEDIUM	manage construction to ensure minimum disruption to the operation of the school.

Discounted Options:

Option	Comments
Expansion of another school within the primary planning area.	The other schools were not considered for a 0.5fe expansion on the basis that they already operate in straight year groups.