

## Questions to Cabinet

Responses for the Cabinet Meeting on 5 September 2024

1.	<b>Questioner: County Councillor Sue Whittam</b>	<b>Respondent: County Councillor Jayne Rear</b>
	<p>Item 11 - Provision of Additional Primary School Places - Proposal to Expand Goosnargh Oliverson's Church of England Primary School</p> <p>As the local County Councillor for Goosnargh I welcome the expansion of Goosnargh Oliversons Church of England Primary School. Due to the number of homes being built in North West Preston, I am aware of the significant demand for local school places. Can the Cabinet Member advise what else is being done to help parents obtain local school places, particularly for those moving into the area and require places in not just the reception classes but in the years above.</p>	<p>Thank you for your question, Cllr Whittam.</p> <p>I am aware of the pressures on school places particularly in North West Preston. This is due mainly to the huge number of new homes that have been built in that area. We work closely with existing schools to offer parents a good choice of school places in the area.</p> <p>Our School Place Delivery Programme provides oversight regarding how the council mitigates identified shortfall of school places to ensure it meets its statutory duty in relation to the sufficiency of educational capacity across Lancashire. The School Place Delivery Programme for 2023-2025 identified the need to commission two new primary schools and a secondary school to meet demand in Goosnargh, Grimsargh and Longridge and Preston North/Rural in forthcoming years</p> <p>To ensure that the community infrastructure is not destabilised, these schools will be brought forward through a phased delivery programme. At this time, the council are seeking permission to</p>



		<p>consult on the expansion at Goosnargh Oliverson's Church of England Primary School, which is an interim measure to support the right number of places, in the right area at the right time to meet the expected demand coming forward from September 2025.</p> <p>A full updated programme with further detail will be presented at Cabinet in October 2024. This will provide further detailed information and reassurance for you as the local County Councillor for the area.</p>
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