

Public Notice and Extract from the Statutory Proposal for Summerhill Primary School, Poverty Lane, Maghull, L31 3DT

Initially the proposal for this expansion was to come into effect for September 2024 entry. However, further to recent advice, and depending on the timescale for completion of the building works, it is now proposed that Summerhill will open as a two form entry in academic year 2025/2026, starting with Reception.

Notice is given in accordance with Regulations 4 and 5 of the School Organisation (Prescribed Alterations to Maintained Schools) (England) Regulations 2013 that Sefton Council intends to make a prescribed alteration to Summerhill Community Primary School, Poverty Lane, Maghull, L31 3DT from 1 September 2025.

Sefton Council is proposing to expand Summerhill Primary School and increase the admission number from 30 to 60 with effect from 1 September 2025.

The current capacity of the school is 210 and the proposed capacity will be 420 when all the building works are completed. The current number of pupils registered at the school is 210.

This Notice is an extract from the complete proposal. Copies of the complete proposal can be obtained from the School Organisation Team, School Support Services, Sefton Council, Magdalen House, 30 Trinity Road, Bootle L20 3NJ, telephone 0151 934 3427. This is also available on the Sefton Council website at

[School Sufficiency and Organisation \(sefton.gov.uk\)](https://sefton.gov.uk/school-sufficiency-and-organisation)

Within four weeks from the date of publication of these proposals, any person may object to or make comments on the proposal by sending them to the School Organisation Team, School Support Services, Sefton Council, Magdalen House, 30 Trinity Road, Bootle L20 3NJ or by email to: school.organisation@sefton.gov.uk

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Signed: D Johnson, Chief Executive and Authorised Officer of Sefton Metropolitan Council

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PROPOSAL TO EXPAND SUMMERHILL PRIMARY SCHOOL, POVERTY LANE, MAGHULL L31 3DT

Introduction

Sefton Council is proposing to expand Summerhill Primary School from a one form entry school with an admission number of 30 to a two form entry school with an admission number of 60 with effect from 1 September 2025.

Local Authority contact details

The proposal to expand Summerhill Primary School is being published by Sefton Council. Contact details: School Organisation Team, School Support Services, Sefton Council, Magdalen House, 30 Trinity Road, Bootle L20 3NJ, email: school.organisation@sefton.gov.uk

School

Summerhill Community Primary School currently caters for up to 210 pupils aged 4 to 11 and is located in Poverty Lane, Maghull L31 3DT. The school does not have a nursery.

Description of alteration and evidence of demand

Sefton Council is proposing to expand Summerhill Primary School and increase the admission number from 30 to 60 with effect from 1 September 2025.

The current capacity of the school is 210 and the proposed capacity will be 420 when all the building works are completed. The pupil numbers will increase gradually as the new admission number works its way through the school. The current number of pupils registered at the school is 210 (January 2023 School Census).

The number of homes in Maghull are set to increase as there are several major housing developments taking place with more planned in the future as part of Sefton's Local Plan. Schools in Maghull are very popular and it is often difficult to find places for pupils moving into the area.

Table 1 below shows the number of places available in the Maghull and Aintree area in January 2023. Demand for places in primary schools in Maghull is expected to continue to increase particularly with new houses being built and many of the schools do not have space to expand.

Table 1: Empty Places in Maghull & Aintree as at 19th January 2023 (School Census)

| School | R | Y1 | Y2 | Y3 | Y4 | Y5 | Y6 | Total |
|------------------------|----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|--------------|
| Aintree Davenhill | 6 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 6 |
| Hudson Primary | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 3 | 3 |
| Northway Primary | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 3 |
| Summerhill Primary | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Green Park Primary | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Melling Primary | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 2 |
| Lydiat Primary | 0 | 0 | 0 | 6 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 7 |
| St Andrew's CE | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| St Thomas CE | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 |
| St George's Catholic | 0 | 8 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 5 | 0 | 13 |
| St Gregory's Catholic | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Holy Rosary Catholic | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 |
| St John Bosco Catholic | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Total | 8 | 8 | 1 | 7 | 2 | 8 | 3 | 37 |

Housebuilding in the Maghull & Aintree Planning area is set to continue for many years to come and according to recent figures received from the Planning Department 2,426 homes are planned to be built between 2021/22 and 2035/36. Based on current figures (17.5 primary pupils per one hundred homes) this could result in an additional pupil yield of 425 primary pupils.

Objectives (including how the proposal would increase educational standards and parental choice)

As the strategic commissioner of school provision, the Local Authority has a duty to ensure that there are sufficient good quality school places for the residents of Sefton.

It is becoming increasingly difficult to offer parents a school place in Maghull particularly when they have more than one child and are moving into the area. The

proposed expansion will offer 30 additional places per year group which will give more choice to parents, have a positive impact on the education of the pupils and reduce the cost of transporting pupils to other schools with spare capacity.

The effect on other schools, academies and educational institutions within the area

In January 2023 most of the primary schools in the Maghull & Aintree area were oversubscribed. The additional places will take some of the pressure off the other schools and provide more choice for parents.

Project costs and indication of how these will be met, including how long term value for money will be achieved

The project cost is estimated as £3.79 million and this will be phased over 2 years. The funding will be provided from financial contributions from the developers of the land East of Maghull. This site was subject to a Section 106 planning obligation to secure a financial contribution for providing school places in the area. Each phase will be tendered and awarded on a value for money basis in accordance with the latest procurement legislation.

Implementation and any proposed stages for implementation

Providing this is approved, the proposal will go ahead on 1 September 2025 once the initial building works are completed. The school will admit up to 60 pupils in Reception for the 2025/26 academic year onwards.

The procedure for responses: support, objections and comments

The notice is displayed at all main entrances to the school. It is also available on Sefton Council's website at: [School Sufficiency and Organisation \(sefton.gov.uk\)](https://sefton.gov.uk/school-sufficiency-and-organisation)

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