

Help Sutton get the new school it needs

We hope that you will agree that the best way forward for Sutton's families is for Greenshaw to take a lead and build and run a new secondary school.

For our application for funding to be successful, we need the support of local parents and carers.

If you support our application, and specifically if you currently have a child in year 4 or below and you might want them to attend the new school, please return the slip below or register your support on our website at <http://www.greenshaw.co.uk/190/new-secondary-school>.

(We need you to give us your name and address and the ages of relevant children to enable us to make the case to the DfE, but the information you provide will be kept confidential. It will not affect your secondary school application when your son or daughter is in year 6.)

Greenshaw's proposal to establish a new secondary school in Sutton

My name is _____

My address _____

(you must at least give your postcode) _____

My email address (optional) _____

Child 1 – date of birth _____

Child 2 – date of birth _____

Child 3 – date of birth _____

Child 4 – date of birth _____

Child 5 – date of birth _____

I support Greenshaw's plans to establish a new secondary school in Sutton

It is likely that I would make the new school my first preference for my child(ren).

This information will be kept confidential and will not affect your child's future choice of secondary school.

Please complete and return this form:

- Return it to your child's primary school **or**
- Return it to Greenshaw High School, Grenell Road, Sutton, SM1 3DY

You can also enter this information on our website at <http://www.greenshaw.co.uk/190/new-secondary-school>

Please return your response by Friday 10th October 2014.



A new secondary school for Sutton

Greenshaw High School has applied to the Department of Education (DfE) for funding to build a new comprehensive secondary school in the Borough of Sutton. There is an urgent need for more school places in this area. Greenshaw and a number of other local secondary schools are being expanded, but one and possibly two new schools will need to be built by September 2017 if there are to be enough secondary school places for the growing numbers of young people in our primary schools.

Sutton Council is investing significant sums in new school places in primary and secondary schools, but has not currently been able to secure sufficient money to provide all the places that will be needed. To help provide the school places that are needed, Greenshaw has applied directly to the DfE for extra funding to build a new school.

To be successful, we need your help!

You can help us ensure there are enough school places for all our young people in the years to come by supporting our application and telling us if you might want your children to attend the new school.

Complete and return the slip at the back of this leaflet or visit our website: <http://www.greenshaw.co.uk/190/new-secondary-school>

Come to our information evening for parents of children in years 3, 4 and below on **Monday 29th September at 7pm at Greenshaw High School.**

Find out more about Greenshaw and our proposals on our website www.greenshaw.co.uk, or by emailing us at newschool@greenshaw.co.uk.

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Why a new secondary school?

In Sutton and the surrounding areas we face an urgent need for additional secondary school places to provide for the growing numbers of young people. Sutton Council predicts that around 20 additional forms of entry will be required in local secondary schools by 2017 and up to 26 by 2020.

Work is underway to expand a number of local secondary schools in the next couple of years, but that will leave the need for 10 to 16 forms of entry – which can only be provided by building one or two new secondary schools by September 2017.

Urgent action is required to secure the funding required and start work to build a new school.

Why Greenshaw?

Greenshaw is a high-performing, successful and popular local school with the proven capacity to support and develop other schools. Greenshaw became an academy in 2011 and has been approved by the DfE to be the sponsor of both primary and secondary schools. Greenshaw works closely with other local schools and the local authority and has the backing of all local secondary schools to be sponsor of a new secondary school in Sutton. Our proposal has the backing of local MP Paul Burstow.

How can the new school be provided?

A new secondary school must be a sponsored academy or a 'free school'. When the need for a new school is identified by the local council, the council applies for funding from the DfE which it then uses to commission an academy sponsor to establish the new school; alternatively, an academy sponsor can apply directly to the DfE for funding to open a 'free school'.

A 'free school' is in every legal and practical sense the same as an academy – it is state-funded in the same way and has to follow the same rules on admissions etc. The only difference is that the money to build the school comes directly from the DfE and not from the funding allocated to the local council.

Why apply for 'free school' funding?

If the application for 'free school' funding is successful it would bring in additional monies to the borough that would not otherwise be available and, along with the money the council has secured, give us a better chance of getting all the school places that are needed.

What will the new school be like?

The new school will be a non-selective, mixed comprehensive school for local children. It will be a separate academy school, managed and funded in its own right like any other academy school, but operating under the umbrella of the Greenshaw Academy Trust and benefiting from sharing in Greenshaw's success and its capacity.

It would work closely with Sutton Council and all other local schools to ensure that it complements the existing already excellent school provision in Sutton.

What will it mean for Greenshaw?

Greenshaw will continue to develop in the interests of its students, in the same way it has been doing. It will remain a separate school within the Greenshaw Academy Trust, but will also benefit from working together with the new school, sharing expertise and capacity and realising economies of scale.

Our new school

We are ambitious for all our students and believe that there is no ceiling on what can be achieved by anyone, regardless of their circumstances or background.

Our new school will have outstanding teachers with a passion for their subject and the ability to inspire that passion in others.

Students in our care will experience a positive learning environment where exemplary behavior ensures a safe and supportive atmosphere. They will learn to take responsibility for their own actions and learning so they are able to fulfill their potential now, and in the future.

Our offer to parents will include a broad academic curriculum balanced with a diverse range of activities including music, sports and community involvement.

What Ofsted says about Greenshaw...

"There is a high level of engagement with parents and carers, strengthened by effective communications between home and school."

"Students show great enthusiasm for learning. All groups of students achieve well, including disabled students and those with special educational needs."

"The headteacher provides clear, dynamic and unequivocal direction. He is ably supported by a very effective leadership team and an equally strong contingent of subject and pastoral leaders."

"A sense of accepting responsibility, strong values and respect for others permeate throughout."

Paul Burstow MP for Sutton and Cheam says...

"I fully support Greenshaw's decision to put themselves forward to run the new high school the borough needs by 2017."

"By applying to run a free school Greenshaw is offering the best of both worlds. Their local reputation and educational record are first class and taking the free school route will unlock vital funding to deliver the new school on time."