

## **Statement of Need for Walgrave Primary School (NN6 9PH)** **Installation of double mobile classroom**

### Introduction

Walgrave is a community primary school with a planned admission number of 24 ie 24 children per year group. The school provides primary places for children living in the village of Walgrave and also the linked catchment area of Hannington, Holcot and Old. In the last 4 years, the school has also been taking children from Mawsley (3 to 5 children per year group), as, despite recent expansion, Mawsley Primary School is full from Reception to Year 3. The school premises at Walgrave also host the “Muddy Boots” Pre-School, which is OfSTED registered, rated as good provision (March 2011) and provides a valuable facility for the village.

The school currently operates with five classrooms in the main building (three of them are under-sized) and a single unit mobile classroom to provide a sixth teaching space. The mobile has been on site for almost 10 years (since 2005) and is becoming difficult to maintain satisfactorily. With increasing pupil numbers at the school, it is proposed to replace the single mobile with a newer double mobile that will provide an extra classroom, and also have the benefit of toilets installed.

### Pupil Numbers

The pupil numbers in each year group for September 2014 are:

Reception:	24
Year 1:	22
Year 2:	28
Year 3:	24
Year 4:	14
Year 5:	25
Year 6:	12

Apart from Years 4 and 6, the year groups are all full, nearly full or over capacity. The school has operated with five classes in the past, but then separated the top half of the hall to create a small sixth teaching space. The larger numbers coming through the school mean that having a mixed class of Year 5 and 6 in the mobile classroom is no longer possible and the school will have to organise differently in September 2014. As the smaller year groups leave the school, an additional teaching space will be required.

### Double mobile classroom

The opportunity has arisen to provide a replacement mobile classroom for Walgrave during the Spring Term 2015. It is coming from a school in Northampton and was new when sited there in 2012, so is much more energy efficient. It provides two classrooms and also has its own pupil toilets, which will be a much improved situation than currently. We would expect the mobile to be required for 5 years.

Longer term it is anticipated that a more permanent solution may be required to address the accommodation needs at Walgrave and the pupil projections will be kept

under review. Further housing is proposed for Mawsley village and this may result in proposals to expand neighbouring school(s) to create additional primary capacity.