



### **Stage 1 Frequently Asked Questions**

***Are there ways in which you can use the space better at school to allow more children in?***

We currently multi-use many areas in school. For example, the school hall is used for drama, dance, assemblies, exams and meetings. A room which years ago was the dining hall in school (The Old Dining Hall) is now used as indoor space for students to eat packed lunches in, assemblies, dance and drama lessons as well as it having a sliding door to create 2 standard classrooms. There are many other examples of multi-use space in school, purely to accommodate our current level of students.

***Are there any plans for extensions?***

Recently, we built a new multi-use extension onto the 6th form block. This created 3 new classrooms or an exam hall / assembly space when opened up. This was to accommodate our current students to ensure that we had enough exam hall space for year groups which have expanded over recent years. Our 6<sup>th</sup> form has grown considerably over the past few years and the demand for larger teaching rooms required this extension to be built. There are future plans to build a new classroom block, however this has yet to be approved and may not be operational until 2025-26 at the earliest.

***Have you considered staggering lunchtimes to allow more students through?***

A number of years ago our dining hall was extended to provide more seating for students. More recently we have installed an outside kiosk, and rearranged the dining hall to ease queuing and efficiency. We have trialled staggering lunchtimes in the past, however we found that this negatively impacted the learning environment due to the overlapping of lessons and lunchtime.

***How many students will be allowed in at this appeal stage?***

Students' cases will be heard on an individual basis by the independent panel. The panel will decide independently whether the case of the individual is so compelling that a place should be offered to the student. This could occur in all of the cases or none of them. There is no target or limit to the number of additional places which we could be told to offer.

***I understand that the local authority can insist you take certain students mid-year through the Fair Access Process. Do you reserve places in case that happens?***

That's correct. The Fair Access Panel can insist that The Redhill Academy takes additional students mid-year. We do not reserve any places to accommodate this.

***If our appeal is not successful will we be added to the waiting list?***

You can choose to add your child to the Academy's waiting list. Once all unsuccessful appellants have been added to the waiting list the order is calculated based on how closely each child meets the Academy's admissions criteria.