

# Appendix A

## Community Use

Since its foundation in 1853, Royal Russell School has been committed to public benefit, including the ability for local and national communities to utilise the School's facilities and skills of its staff to the greater public benefit. The proposed development for a replacement building for the Junior School will benefit the wider community as the School shares its facilities with other local schools, sports clubs, and community groups as widely as possible, a practice that will continue with the new development. The majority of the community use that the School currently offers spans across the Royal Russell School as a whole, the construction of the replacement Junior School will allow for additional and improved facilities and more space to become available for use by existing and new community partners.

The below sets out the current community use of the Junior School specifically, followed by use of the wider School as a whole. The tables at the end set out when existing users currently use the School and how they will have the opportunity to make use of the new facilities, and what the replacement Junior School will offer.

### Existing community use at the Junior School specifically

Through working with the Rowdown Foundation, the Junior School provides its facilities for use by pupils of other schools in the local area, specifically for those pupils who have the drive and ability to expand their learning beyond the normal curriculum, with teachers from the Junior School providing specific teaching and learning expertise to those children, many of whom are then accepted into Royal Russell and other local independent schools on life changing bursaries and scholarships. The Rowdown Foundation is a registered charity that provides the opportunity for gifted and talented pupils at school in New Addington to pursue an area of talent to further their ambition and eventually give them life-enhancing opportunities as they become young adults. The majority of children living in New Addington are either officially disadvantaged (i.e. they have or do qualify for free school meals) or come from low income families.

Royal Russell School provides a base for the Rowdown Foundation Tuition Programme by providing Masterclasses to groups of 20 Year 4 pupils from New Addington schools, with teachers from Royal Russell enthusiastically supporting the Rowdown aims for wider social mobility. Royal Russell is the closest independent school to New Addington and will expand the provision for the Rowdown Foundation Tuition Programme

with the new Junior School to provide wider support to the New Addington primary schools. Royal Russell School also provides a language teacher to Rowdown Primary School to provide an extra learning opportunity for the children and, in return, Rowdown has provided a place for a Royal Russell trainee teacher to increase their experience of the local community. Royal Russell has also recently offered a Sports Taster Day, giving 60 New Addington children an opportunity to experience sports they might otherwise not have played, with this opportunity to be offered more widely with the new Junior School buildings and new sports facilities.

### Existing community use at the wider Royal Russell School

One important aspect is providing space for groups to gather, such as the Croydon Neighbourhood Watch group, the Croydon Performing Arts Festival (CPAF), Croydon Youth Organisations in Uniform and Croydon Scouting. In addition to providing spaces for community organisation, Royal Russell provides use of the grounds for fundraising events such as Restless Development's annual Restless Triathlon, which this year raised over £98,000 to help young people around the world to impact change in their own region.

The School has a long-standing partnership with a local state secondary school, Coloma Convent School, with a partnership Combined Cadet Force (CCF) of Coloma and Royal Russell students. This organisation is funded by the Ministry of Defence with the buildings, staff and equipment provided by the Royal Russell School for the benefit of all members of the contingent. This organisation is led by a long-standing member of the Royal Russell staff.

Royal Russell School also supports the Volunteer Police Cadets who parade at the School, making use of the grounds, swimming pool and other facilities. Allied to this, the British Transport Police (BTP) and Metropolitan Police regularly use the School grounds and site to train their K9 police dogs and handlers, alongside specialist teams from the BTP who make use of the School grounds to train their specialist extraction teams.

*Shared use of facilities during holidays and outside school hours:* the School supports the provision of activity clubs for local children during all School holidays by allowing use of its non-boarding facilities by other organisations. The School regularly hosts the Croydon Performing Arts Festival (CPAF)

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and has supported the regional heats of the Rotary Club Public Speaking competition and as a venue for a British Heart Foundation sponsored swim.

The School's sports facilities are used for Croydon Schools' Netball and Croydon Schools' Athletics Championships. As part of its commitment to the local community the School continues to sponsor and support the Guardian's Croydon Champions, a community-based awards scheme.

The School provides a venue for numerous local clubs and societies to meet and participate in a wide range of sporting and other activities. The School's Director of Music holds Music Workshops for children from 15 local schools and the Mathematics Department runs an annual Maths Challenge event involving over 100 pupils from twenty schools. In addition, the School's meeting facilities are utilised by the Army Engagement and by the Croydon branch of the Neighbourhood Watch.

The British Army has been provided the School's facilities to undertake it's Army Cadet Commissioning Board, an event that will be able to directly utilise the current buildings and new Junior School. Local Army units have also used (and will continue to use) the School's facilities, including the swimming pool to train and undertake mandatory tests.

200 students each week (over six weeks) attend a language course in the summer, totalling 1,200 students.

*Shared Use of Swimming Pool:* the swimming pool is used by local schools for swimming tuition, and it is available for community use through a membership scheme, with approximately 150 members at present. The pool is also used for pool parties at weekends. The swimming pool is used by more than 15 local state and independent primary schools.

'Mother and Baby' and Pre-school swimming sessions are held at lunchtimes four days a week. On Saturdays during term times approximately 220 young children attend swimming classes. Local members have daily sessions available throughout the year.

*Shared use of sports pitches and sports hall:* many local clubs use the Sports Hall, and the School has developed close ties with Addiscombe Hockey Club to share the use of the new astro turf hockey pitch and Multi Use Games Area.

- During the school year the School hosts the following tournaments and competitions:
  - U13 and U15 Croydon Schools Tennis Tournament
  - U13 Boys and Girls Surrey Hockey tournaments
  - U11 Croydon Football League Cup finals
  - U11 Croydon Small Schools' Cup finals
  - U11 Croydon Schools' Open Cup Final
  - U11 Croydon Schools' Netball Tournament Prelim round
  - U11 Croydon School's Indoor Athletics Prelim and Finals
  - U11 Croydon Schools' Mixed Rounders Prelim and finals
  - U11, U12, U13, U14 Boys and U12 Girls Croydon Schools' Indoor five-a-side football tournaments

The following table shows the current and anticipated usage of the School once the new Junior School is open for use.

Event/Organisation	Current use and / or new use in new building	Frequency	How new Junior School will be used
Combined Cadet Force	Currently use existing building and will use new building	Weekly during term time and school holiday, they meet on a Monday evening	Yes – use of improved classroom and teaching facilities, gathering spaces and the MUGA
Police Cadets & BTP	Currently use existing building and will use new building	Weekly (e.g. during term time and school holidays on Tuesday evenings)	Yes – use of improved classroom and teaching facilities, gathering spaces and the MUGA
Rowdown Foundation	Currently use existing building and will use new building	Weekly – students taught by RR teachers	Yes – use of improved classroom and teaching facilities, gathering spaces and the MUGA

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Surrey County Cricket Club	Currently use existing building and will use new building	Monthly – Surrey County Cricket Club and RR in discussion now about more and wider use of the facilities	Yes – use of the MUGA and playing pitch
Addiscombe Hockey Club	Currently use existing building and will use new building	Weekly	Yes – use of the MUGA and playing pitch
British Army (Regular Forces)	Currently use existing building and will use new building	The British Army use the School site for community outreach programmes and interaction with the Local Authority and GLA at least termly	Yes
RAF – Air Cadets	Currently use existing building and will use new building	Termly	Yes
YOU – Youth Organisations in Uniform	Currently use existing building and will use new building	Termly	Yes
Croydon NHS Trust	Currently use existing building and will use new building	Termly	Yes - use of improved classroom and teaching facilities and gathering spaces
Croydon Dalcroze Society	Currently use existing building and will use new building	Monthly	Yes – use of the gym
'Beyond the Court' – Met Police and England Netball	Currently use existing building and will use new building	Monthly	Yes – use of the gym and MUGA
Croydon Neighbourhood Watch	Currently use existing building and will use new building	Annually	Yes – use of improved meeting spaces
Croydon Korfball	Do not use existing building but will be able to use new building	Weekly	Yes – use of the gym
Shotokan Karate	Do not use existing building but will be able to use new building	Weekly	Yes – use of the gym
BKK Karate	Do not use existing building but will be able to use new building	Weekly	Yes – use of the gym
Rock Steady Trampoline Club	Do not use existing building but will be able to use new building	Weekly	Yes - the trampoline society will make use of the new building for events and competitions.

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The School is committed to continuing to provide all its facilities to the greater public benefit, and with the opening of the new Junior School the ability for current and new users to make use of the School will become even broader – as set out in the table above. The new Junior School will have a MUGA (Multi-use Games Area) and an indoor gymnasium, as well as the sports pitch (7v7), all of which will be made available to the wider community. The facilities that will be made available for community use, as well as example times etc. is set out in the table below.

The new and improved Junior School will have greater facilities than the present, which will allow Royal Russell School to further support the work of the Rowdown Foundation through greater community outreach to local primary schools, specifically in the New Addington area of Croydon.

will enable the School to provide a greater range of community use facilities, over and above what is currently offered. Royal Russell School identifies as a 'whole school' and therefore the replacement of the old Junior School with the new building will allow the School to continue to offer the range of community use activities as described here.

Facility	How and when this will be made available	Example users
Multi Use Games Area	Made available throughout the whole calendar year after 7pm and through the weekend.	Sports clubs, Holiday Clubs
Gymnasium	Made available throughout the whole calendar year after 7pm and through the weekend.	Sport clubs, Community groups.
Sport Pitch	Made available throughout the whole calendar year after 7pm and through the weekend.	Sport clubs, Outdoor training
Classrooms Music practice rooms Drama space Art and Design	Made available throughout the whole calendar year after 7pm and through the weekend.	Rowdown foundation, other local primary schools and performing arts societies.

Royal Russell School remains committed to supporting its own pupils and the local community once the new Junior School is built, including the existing and new activities as detailed in this report. The addition of the new Junior School will specifically add more space, both teaching and sports, which