

**Pre- Lowbrook Academy Expansion Project  
 Timeline of Facts**

- 2008–09** The Governors of Lowbrook Primary did not object to Manor Green School being built in Cox Green, but objected to the design and exact location for the reasons that its location would compromise future expansion and aspirations of Lowbrook.
- 2009** The Lowbrook Suite and Foundation stage area were built, funded 100% by the Primary School, to meet demand for what was now an extremely popular school. The Local Authority (LA) loaned the money to the school over 5 years and the annual income from the nursery was used to make repayments.
- 2010–11** Manor Green was completed and significant land use was lost by the Primary School at the rear of the field and behind the Lowbrook Suite.
- 2011 (April)** Lowbrook Primary was the first Academy converter in RBWM. The main driver for the school's conversion was to retain the remainder of the current school grounds and in particular to safeguard the school field as the Director for Education was proposing Manor Green have full use and control of this land for two days a week. This caused delay and nearly halted our conversion due to it being added to the proposed lease at the 11th hour. In addition to attempting to impose non existing land use agreements the LA, led again by the Director and the then appointed Lead Member for Education, threatened to remove further land from our estate, including the land used by Patchwork Nursery, if we converted. After intervention from MP T May a satisfactory Lease Agreement was agreed. Land behind the school was retained by the LA and later included in Cox Green School's Lease Agreement.
- 2013 (September)** Once the Academy converted, it consulted on its admissions code in accordance with statutory guidance and timescales. It was determined and came into force for the 2013-14 Academic Year.
- 2013-14** The LA approached the school asking them to take a bulge intake of 60, as numbers dictated this was the school of choice in the area and the LA did not have enough spaces to educate all of its children. We converted our staff room into a teaching area with match funding from the LA. They provided us with what it would have cost to relocate a portable classroom and the school funded the rest to create a more permanent solution.
- 2013-14** The LA requested help from Lowbrook Academy to provide an Executive Head, curriculum support and Governor mentorship to Holy Trinity Church of England School in Cookham. This was agreed by the Governing Body.



**2014–15**

A double intake was admitted to the school. This was due to a double intake leaving the school. The double intake that left the school was created due to over allocation 7 years earlier when rising 5s were not admitted into schools until year one. In this year, the allocations across the two years took the admissions number well over 30 and therefore we had no option but to take qualifying measures and hire a new teacher. A cohort of 60 was soon achieved.

**2015-16**

The Governors responded to the high demand for places and in order not to turn down children in catchment we decided to exceed our PAN of 30 again and offer 60 places. The school's Year 6 children were educated off site at Cox Green School for the first two terms while the school spent the remainder of its reserves fully funding the classroom known as the Pavilion. The year 6 children returned to the school site to occupy the new class in November 2016. Funding for this expansion was declined by the EFA.

**2015**

Holy Trinity Church of England School in Cookham became the first school in England to go from the OFSTED judgement of Requires Improvement to OUTSTANDING. The Leadership and success of the Executive Headship was highlighted in the report. This relationship continues in perpetuity.

The LA have been aware of Lowbrook's aspiration to be a two-form entry school since our objection to Manor Green in 2008 - 2009.

The school approached the LA to seek funding for a deposit on a house that bordered the school. Due to its unique location the building could have been converted into a 60 place Foundation Stage Area. Funding and support for this project was declined by the Current Director and David Scott.

In addition to this, the school sought LA support to regain the land from Cox Green School that is at the rear of the Lowbrook Suite. The LA was not successful in negotiations with Cox Green and neither were the Lowbrook Governors at this point.

**2015**

The school approached the owner of the agricultural land in Cannon Lane, soon to be developed into more housing together with a private school, Claires Court. The proprietor was willing to sell some land but at a premium of £1,000,000 an acre. The Director stated the LA had no money to purchase this land, but would attend future meetings facilitated by the school. The proprietor of this land will continue discussions but not until he has successfully sought funding from Berkeley Homes and has planning permission. The door is possibly open for the future.

There is no current EFA round to apply for a rebuild of our existing 1978 building, but this is a realistic option moving forwards.