

## MATTERS TO BE SPECIFIED IN SECTION 15 PROPOSALS TO DISCONTINUE A SCHOOL

### **Extract of Schedule 4 to The School Organisation (Establishment and Discontinuance of Schools)(England) Regulations 2007 (as amended):**

#### **Contact details**

1. The name of the LA or governing body publishing the proposals, and a contact address, and the name of the school it is proposed that should be discontinued.

St Mary's Junior School Governing Body – St Mary's CE Junior School

#### **Implementation**

2. The date when it is planned that the proposals will be implemented, or, where the proposals are to be implemented in stages, information about each stage and the date on which each stage is planned to be implemented.

1 January 2013

#### **Consultation**

3. A statement to the effect that all applicable statutory requirements to consult in relation to the proposals were complied with.

The School confirms that as per evidence attached in the pack and in line with Section 1.3 of the Guidance that all stakeholders, LA, families, Teachers and all other staff, Governors, Community, Trade Unions, Parish, Council and Congregation and Local MP's were consulted as per the regulations and Guidance.

4. Evidence of the consultation before the proposals were published including:

- a) a list of persons and/or parties who were consulted;
- b) minutes of all public consultation meetings;
- c) the views of the persons consulted; and
- d) copies of all consultation documents and a statement of how these were made available.

Copies of all consultation documents were sent out in paper form to all stakeholder parties. Electronic copies were also made available upon request. Consultation meetings were also held for all stakeholder parties. These were advertised widely.

#### **Objectives**

5. The objectives of the proposal.

The objective of the proposal is to close the Junior School. A related proposal will enlarge the age range of the Infant school to include ages 8 - 11

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**Standards and Diversity**

6. A statement and supporting evidence indicating how the proposals will impact on the standards, diversity and quality of education in the area.

The aim of the proposal is to bring the current Junior School under the strong leadership of the current Infant School Head who will seek to drive up standards in the school. The Infant School has recently been judged by Ofsted to be outstanding with outstanding leadership and it is planned that this leadership will improve the standards and quality of education in the old Junior School (KS2). The provision of the number and type places and the type of education will not alter as a result of the proposal. It is therefore not expected that there will be any detrimental impact on diversity

**Provision for 16-19 year olds**

7. Where the school proposed to be discontinued provides sixth form education, how the proposals will impact on:

- a) the educational or training achievements;
- b) participation in education or training; and
- c) the range of educational or training opportunities,

for 16-19 year olds in the area.

NA

**Need for places**

8. A statement and supporting evidence about the need for places in the area including whether there is sufficient capacity to accommodate displaced pupils.

NA – the number of places being offered will remain the same

9. Where the school has a religious character, a statement about the impact of the proposed closure on the balance of denominational provision in the area and the impact on parental choice.

The admissions criteria in the current Infant and Junior school is the same. The through primary school created as a result of two proposals will also use the same admissions criteria . there will therefore be no impact or change on the balance of denominational provision in the area.

**Current School Information**

10. Information as to the numbers, age range, sex and special educational needs of pupils (distinguishing between boarding and day pupils) for whom provision is made at the school.

60 pupils per year group (420 pupils overall) and up to 60 nursery children

## **Displaced Pupils**

11. Details of the schools or FE colleges which pupils at the school for whom provision is to be discontinued will be offered places, including:

- a) any interim arrangements;
- b) where the school included provision that is recognised by the LA as reserved for children with special educational needs, the alternative provision to be made for pupils in the school's reserved provision; and
- c) in the case of special schools, alternative provision made by LAs other than the authority which maintains the school.

NA

12. Details of any other measures proposed to be taken to increase the number of school or FE college places available in consequence of the proposed discontinuance.

NA

## **Impact on the Community**

13. A statement and supporting evidence about the impact on the community and any measures proposed to mitigate any adverse impact.

As there is no increase or decrease in the number of places being provided or in the type of places being provided as a result of the changes, no impact on the community is anticipated.

14. Details of extended services the school offered and what it is proposed for these services once the school has discontinued.

Any extended service offered by the Junior School will continue to be provided as a result of the closure of the Junior School and the enlargement of the age range of the Infant School to accommodate KS2 pupils.

## **Travel**

15. Details of the length and journeys to alternative provision.

No changes in travel will occur as the two existing sites will remain – the old Infant site will continue to accommodate foundation and KS1 pupils and the old Junior site will continue to accommodate KS2 pupils.

16. The proposed arrangements for travel of displaced pupils to other schools including how they will help to work against increased car use.

Pupils will not be displaced as a result of the closure of the Junior school as they will be accommodated within the new St Mary's CE Primary School.

## **Related Proposals**

17. A statement as to whether in the opinion of the LA or governing body, the proposals are related to any other proposals which may have been, are, or are about to be published.

The proposal is related to the proposal to enlarge the age range of St Mary's Infant School to accommodate pupils aged 8 – 11.

### **Rural Primary Schools**

18. Where proposals relate to a rural primary school designated as such by an order made for the purposes of section 15, a statement that the LA or ghe governing body (as the case may be) considered:

- a) the likely effect of discontinuance of the school on the local community;
- b) the availability, and likely cost to the LA, of transport to other schools;
- c) any increase in the use of motor vehicles which is likely to result from the discontinuance of the school, and the likely effects of any such increase; and
- d) any alternatives to the discontinuance of the school,

as required by section 15(4)

NA

### **Maintained nursery schools**

19. Where proposals relate to the discontinuance of a maintained nursery school, a statement setting out:

- a) the consideration that has been given to developing the school into a children's centre and the grounds for not doing so;
- b) the LA's assessment of the quality and quantity of alternative provision compared to the school proposed to be discontinued and the proposed arrangements to ensure the expertise and specialism continues to be available; and
- c) the accessibility and convenience of replacement provision for local parents.

NA

### **Special educational provision**

20. Where existing provision that is recognised by the LA as reserved for pupils with special educational needs is being discontinued, a statement as to how the LA or the governing body believes the proposal is likely to lead to improvements in the standard, quality and/or range of the educational provision for these children.

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