

Statutory proposal for the Amalgamation of Wimborne Infant and Wimborne Junior schools

Notice is given that Portsmouth City Council intends to amalgamate Wimborne Infant School and Wimborne Junior School by discontinuing both schools in accordance with section 15 of the Education and Inspections Act 2006 and establishing a new community maintained Primary school under section 11 (A3) of the Education and Inspections Act 2006, as amended by the Education Act 2011.

1. Contact details

Details of local authority publishing the proposal:

Portsmouth City Council, Civic Offices, Guildhall Square, Portsmouth, PO1 2EA.

Names and addresses of community maintained schools involved:

Wimborne Infant School, Wimborne Rd, Southsea, Portsmouth, Southsea PO4 8DE

Wimborne Junior School, Wimborne Rd, Southsea, Portsmouth PO4 8DE

2. Description of the alterations

This proposal is for the discontinuance of a maintained community infant school and a maintained community junior schools and the establishment of a maintained community primary school.

3. Implementation

Wimborne Infant and Junior schools would be discontinued on 31st August 2020.

A new primary school would be established on the existing school site 1st September 2020

4. Reason for closure:

Wimborne Infant School and Wimborne Junior School operate from separate buildings on a shared site. In December 2018 the Governing Boards of Wimborne Infant and Junior Schools consulted on a proposal to federate the two schools as an initial step towards the amalgamation of the two schools from September 2020. On 23rd April 2019 the two schools formally federated. The Wimborne School's Federation is now governed by a single Governing Board and led by an Executive Headteacher.

Portsmouth City Council and the Governing Board of the Wimborne School's Federation are now proposing formal amalgamation of the two schools to form a new Primary School for the area. The primary school would operate from the same school site and buildings as the existing schools.

The amalgamation of the two schools would support parents and carers of local children by automatically allowing their children to continue through their primary education to the end of Key Stage 2 without the need for making an application during Year 2 for a place in a Junior School. Pupils would benefit from not having to transition between schools at the end of Year 2.

5. Pupil numbers and admissions

The proposed new primary school would provide a minimum of 570 places for 4-11 year olds, i.e. 70 pupils in each year groups in Key Stage 1 (Years R, 1 and 2) and 90 pupils in each of the year groups in Key Stage 2 (Years 3, 4, 5 and 6). The Primary School would therefore be the same size as the combined Federated Infant and Junior Schools, and would continue to have one Governing Board and one Headteacher.

6. Displaced pupils

All pupils with places at Wimborne Infant and Wimborne Junior schools would be offered a place at the replacement primary school. The primary school would have the same capacity as the combined infant and junior schools so no pupils would be displaced and without a school place.

7. Impact on the community

There would be no impact on the community as the new primary school would operate from the buildings and site of the infant and junior schools. Building works would be undertaken to better link the two school, buildings. Pupils in years R to 2 would benefit from not having to transition from infant to junior school.

8. Balance of denominational provision

Not applicable as the school does not have a religious character.

9. Rural primary schools

Not applicable as the school is not a rural primary school.

10. Maintained nursery schools

Not applicable as the schools involved do not have nursery provision.

11. Provision for 16-19 year olds

Not applicable as the schools involved are for primary aged pupils.

12. Special educational needs provision

There would be no impact on the special educational needs provision in Portsmouth as the proposed primary school would cater for the same pupils as the existing infant and junior schools .

13. Travel

The new primary school would be established on the existing shared school site therefore there would be no impact on the travel arrangements for pupils.

14. Representations

Anyone can make a representation in respect of the proposal to amalgamate Wimborne Infant and Junior Schools until midnight on 1st May 2020 either by post to : Janet Andrews, Education, Portsmouth City Council, Floor 2 Core 6, Civic Offices, Guildhall Square, Portsmouth, PO1 2EA

or

by email to: eandsc@portsmouthcc.gov.uk (please title your email Wimborne proposal)

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