

HAMPSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

Executive Decision Record

Decision Maker:	Executive Member for Education
Date:	20 January 2016
Title:	Amalgamation of Brockhurst Infant and Junior Schools
Reference:	7119
Report From:	Interim Director of Children's Services

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1. The decision:

That public notices be published in accordance with Sections 15 and 19 of the Education and Inspections Act 2006 to:

- a) Discontinue Brockhurst Junior School with effect from 31 August 2016
- b) Establish a community primary school for up to 420 pupils by enlarging Brockhurst Infant School through the utilisation of Brockhurst Junior School's site and buildings, and extension of Brockhurst Infant School's age range to form a primary school for ages 4-11, with effect from 1 September 2016.

2. Reasons for the decision:

- 2.1. The latest inspection of Brockhurst Junior School by the Office for Standards in Education (Ofsted) in January 2015 judged the school to be providing an inadequate education for its pupils. The most recent monitoring visit by Ofsted in November 2015 concluded that the school is not improving rapidly enough.
- 2.2. Whenever a school is found to be inadequate by Ofsted the local authority considers whether a change in structure might help bring about long term, sustainable improvement.
- 2.3. Brockhurst Infant School is located some 100 yards away from Brockhurst Junior School on the opposite side of the road. The infant school's latest Ofsted report was published in January 2015 and found the school to be good in all aspects.
- 2.4. Given the proximity of Brockhurst Infant School to Brockhurst Junior School and the infant school's educational performance the decision was taken to consult with the schools' community and other interested parties on whether a change in structure, through the creation of a single primary school across the two school sites, might best address the inadequacies in the junior school.

- 2.5. The consultation has demonstrated overwhelming support from the schools' community and the governing bodies and staff of the two schools for the creation of a primary school.
- 2.6. The amalgamation of Brockhurst Infant and Junior schools and the creation of an all through primary school is the option most likely to be successful in effectively bringing about rapid improvement in the quality of provision for Key Stage 2 pupils.

3. Other options considered and rejected:

To maintain the status quo of separate infant and junior schools.

4. Conflicts of interest:

4.1. Conflicts of interest declared by the decision-maker:

None

5. Dispensation granted by the Conduct Advisory Panel

5.1 None

6. Reason(s) for the matter being dealt with if urgent

6.1. Not applicable

7. Statement from the Decision Maker:

Approved by: ----- Executive Member for Education Councillor Edgar	Date: 20 January 2016
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