

HAMPSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

Executive Decision Record

Decision Maker:	Executive Member for Education
Date:	18 March 2016
Title:	Amalgamation of Vigo Infant and Vigo Junior Schools
Reference:	7297
Report From:	Interim Director of Children's Services

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1. The decision:

- a) To discontinue Vigo Junior School with effect from 31 August 2016.
- b) To establish a community primary school for up to 630 pupils by enlarging Vigo Infant School through the utilisation of Vigo Junior School's site and buildings, and through the extension of Vigo Infant School's age range to form a primary school for ages 4-11, with effect from 1 September 2016.

2. Reason(s) for the decision:

- 2.1. Vigo Junior School was inspected by the Office for Standards in Education (Ofsted) in October 2012 and was judged to require improvement in the achievement of pupils, the quality of teaching and in leadership and management. The latest Ofsted inspection of Vigo Junior School in October 2014 judges the school to require special measures as it was failing to provide an adequate education for its pupils. Successive monitoring visits by Ofsted in May and October 2015 concluded that the school was still not improving rapidly enough.
- 2.2. Vigo Infant School was inspected by Ofsted in July 2013 and judged to require improvement in the achievement of pupils, the quality of teaching and in leadership and management. The latest Ofsted inspection in April 2015 judged the school to be good in all aspects.
- 2.3. In July 2015 the Chair of Governors of both Vigo Infant and Vigo Junior schools wrote on behalf of both governing bodies to the Executive Member for Education. The letter from the junior school governing body acknowledged that the school has been underperforming for a number of years and set out the governing body's view that a fresh start was needed through the creation of a primary school. The letter from the infant school's governing body referred to the school's latest Ofsted judgement of "good" and expressed the view that it would make sense to have an all through primary school.

3. Other options considered and rejected:

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

4. Conflicts of interest declared by the decision maker: None.

5. Dispensation granted by the Conduct Advisory Panel: None.

6. Reason(s) for the matter being dealt with if urgent: Not applicable.

7. Statement from the Decision Maker:

Approved by:

Date:

18 March 2016

**Executive Member for Education
Councillor Peter Edgar**