

HAMPSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

Executive Decision Record

Decision Maker:	Executive Member for Education
Date:	18 March 2016
Title:	Amalgamation of Brockhurst Infant and Brockhurst Junior Schools
Reference:	7298
Report From:	Interim Director of Children's Services

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1. The decision:

- a) To discontinue Brockhurst Junior School with effect from 31 August 2016.
- b) To 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 the extension of Brockhurst 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. Brockhurst junior School was inspected by the Office for Standards in Education (Ofsted) in January 2013 and was judged to require improvement in the achievement of pupils and the quality of teaching. The latest Ofsted inspection of Brockhurst Junior School in January 2015 judged the school to have regressed and requiring special measures as the school is failing to provide an adequate education for its pupils, with the quality of teaching, leadership and management and the attainment of pupils to be inadequate and the safety of pupils to require improvement.
- 2.2. 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, endorsing the good Ofsted judgement from the infant school's previous Ofsted inspection in March 2011.
- 2.3. Consultation on the proposal to amalgamate the schools demonstrated overwhelming support from the schools' community, both schools' governing bodies and both schools' staff teams in favour of the proposal.

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 Edgar**