

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.

Hampshire County Council, The Castle, Winchester SO23 8UG
Chineham Park Primary School, Shakespeare Road, Popley, Basingstoke RG234 9BP

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.

31 August 2010

Consultation

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

All statutory requirements to consult in relation to this proposed closure were complied with.

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.

a) The list of persons/parties consulted can be found at:
<http://www.hants.gov.uk/decisions/decisions-docs/091217-excsed-R1210124808.html>

b) The minutes of all the public consultations meetings can be found at:
<http://www.hants.gov.uk/decisions/decisions-docs/091217-excsed-R1210124824.html>
<http://www.hants.gov.uk/decisions/decisions-docs/091217-excsed-R1210124835.html>
<http://www.hants.gov.uk/decisions/decisions-docs/091217-excsed-R1210124831.html>
<http://www.hants.gov.uk/decisions/decisions-docs/091217-excsed-R1210124841.html>

c) The views of the persons consulted are included in the report considered by the Executive

Lead Member for Children's Services on 17 December 2009. This can be found at:

<http://www.hants.gov.uk/decisions/decisions-docs/091217-excsed-R1210124428.html>

d) The consultation document can be found at:

<http://www.hants.gov.uk/decisions/decisions-docs/091217-excsed-R1210124851.html>

Objectives

5. The objectives of the proposal.

The objective of the proposal is to close a school which has been placed in Special Measures following on Ofsted inspection in January 2009.

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.

Following the school being placed in Special Measures it is clear that the standards at the school are poor. All other primary age schools in the area have an Ofsted rating higher than Chineham Park Primary School which means that pupils transferring to other schools in the area will be educated in schools with higher standards.

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.

N/A

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.

There is sufficient capacity in the area for the displaced pupils. Details are given in Section 3 of the Executive Member report on 17 December 2009 (referred to in 4 (c) above)

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.

N/A

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.

There are currently 82 mixed primary aged (5-11) pupils on roll in a school with a capacity of 180 places.

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.

The displaced pupils from Chineham Park Primary School can be accommodated in other schools within a one mile radius.

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.

Schools within a one mile radius of Chineham Park Primary have sufficient surplus places to accept the pupils from the school. Consequently no additional places are required as a result of this proposal.

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.

Within the Chineham Park Primary School catchment area there are 320 primary age pupils. Of this number only 51 currently attend the school with the majority attending other schools in the area. Based on this information the impact to the community is likely to be minimal as most parents will be supporting the schools that their children attend. The redundant school site and buildings will be used for Children's Services provision which will embrace needs within the community.

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

Chineham Park Primary offers a breakfast club and an after school club. Other settings in the area offer this provision, should additional capacity be required this will be provided.

Travel

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

The journey to the Marnel or Merton pairs of schools will, in some cases, be similar to that undertaken by pupils to get to Chineham Park Primary due to the proximity of their houses to these alternative schools. Pupils living closest to Chineham Park Primary are likely to have a 10-20 minute walk to the school instead of 5-10 minutes. Parents that have already decided to place their children at the Marnel or Merton Schools have, in some cases, a walk of 20-30 minutes to deliver their children to school.

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

The Marnel and Merton pairs of schools are across a reasonably busy road from the Chineham Park catchment area. However, a crossing point has been installed on this road to allow safe crossing. This walking route is no different to that already undertaken by a number of families already attending the Marnel and Merton schools. During the consultation process the Local Authority was told that parents do not have access to a car so there will be a need for them to walk their children to school. Consequently there should be no additional car journeys undertaken following the closure of Chineham Park 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.

In the opinion of the Local Authority these proposal are not related to any other proposals which have been, or about to be published.

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 the 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)

N/A

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.

N/A

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.

N/A