

Letter to parents/carers of Bitterne Park Infant and Junior school parents and pupils

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Dear Parent,

We are writing to inform you about a proposal that the Local Authority is putting forward which affects your child's school.

Following the notification that the head teacher of Bitterne Park Infant School is leaving, the Local Authority have discussed the opportunity with the infant and junior school governing bodies, of the development of an all through primary school by integrating Bitterne Park Infant School and Bitterne Park Junior school. In order to develop a primary school from two existing schools, one school has to be closed and one expands its age range.

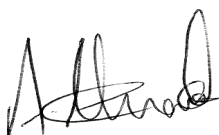
The Local Authority wishes to consult with local parents, employees of the two schools, the governing bodies and other community representatives on the development of one primary school, instead of two separate schools on one site. The consultation process would involve a meeting in which your views and opinions can be voiced.

Our proposal would be to close one of the schools and expand the age range of the other so that it could accommodate 4-11 year olds. Consequently, children would enter the Primary school in Year R and remain at the school until the end of Year 6. The significant change would be that there would be one head teacher and governing body for the primary school. The school buildings and numbers of pupils at the school will not change.

To instigate the consultation a report will go to Southampton City Council's Cabinet meeting on 29 January 2013 and, if the decision is approved, a pre-statutory consultation period will take place in February and March. A document to this effect will be published on the SCC website on 13 December, so we felt it prudent to inform you about the proposal. The schools have correctly adhered to the stipulated legal procedures regarding notifying parents. We apologise if any possibly inaccurate information has reached you before this date.

If the recommendations in the cabinet report are approved, further details on the proposals and the consultation will be available in January and February.

Regards



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Letter to parents/carers of Oakwood Infant and Junior school parents and pupils

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Dear Parent

I am writing to inform you about a proposal that the Local Authority is putting forward which affects your child's school.

The head teacher of Oakwood Infant School recently notified us of her intention to retire at the end of the academic year. Following this notification, the Local Authority has discussed the opportunity with the infant and junior school governing bodies that instead of appointing a new head teacher to the infant school, Oakwood Infant and Oakwood Junior schools are integrated to form an all through primary school.


The Local Authority wishes to consult with pupils, local parents, and employees of the two schools, the governing bodies and other community representatives on the development of one primary school, instead of two separate schools on one site.

Our proposal would be to close one of the schools and expand the age range of the other so that it was open to 4-11 year olds. Consequently, children would enter the Primary school in Year R and remain at the school until the end of Year 6 and parents would not have to apply for a Year 3 place as they currently do. The significant change would be that there would be one head teacher and governing body for the primary school instead of a head teacher and governing body for each of the two schools. The school buildings and numbers of pupils at the school will not change.

To instigate the consultation, a report will go to Southampton City Council's Cabinet meeting on 29 January 2013 and, if the decision is approved, a pre-statutory consultation period will take place in February and March. A document to this effect will be published on the Southampton City Council website on 13 December, so we wanted to let you know about the proposal in advance.

If the recommendations in the cabinet report are approved, further details on the proposals and the consultation will be available in January and February.

Yours sincerely



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Letter to parents/carers of Tanners Brook Infant and Junior parents and pupils

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Our ref: AA/11122012
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Dear Parent

We are writing to inform you about a proposal that the Local Authority is putting forward which affects this school.

The head teacher of Tanners Brook Junior recently notified us of her intention to leave at the end of the academic year. Following this notification, the Local Authority have discussed the opportunity with the junior and infant school governing bodies that instead of appointing a new head teacher to the junior school, Tanners Brook Infant and Tanners Brook Junior schools are integrated to form an all through Primary School.

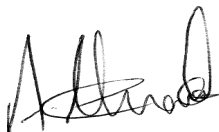
The Local Authority wishes to consult with local parents, employees of the two schools, the governing bodies and other community representatives on the development of one Primary school, instead of two separate schools on one site.

Our proposal would be to integrate both schools which would require an expansion of one of them to accommodate 4-11 year olds. Consequently, children would enter the Primary school in Year R and remain at the school until the end of Year 6. The significant change would be that there would be one head teacher and governing body for the primary school instead of a head teacher and governing body for each of the two schools. The school buildings and numbers of pupils at the school will not change.

To instigate the consultation a report will go to Southampton City Council's Cabinet meeting on 29 January 2013 and, if the decision is approved, a pre-statutory consultation period will take place in February and March. A document to this effect will be published on the Southampton City Council website on 13 December, so we felt it prudent to inform you about the proposal.

If the recommendations in the cabinet report are approved, further details on the proposals and the consultation will be available in January and February.

Yours sincerely



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