

SOUTHAMPTON CITY COUNCIL

PRIMARY SCHOOL DEVELOPMENT (VARIOUS SCHOOLS) DETAILED PROPOSALS IN RELATION TO DISCONTINUANCE AND LIKED PRESCRIBED ALTERATION (CHANGE OF AGE RANGE) PROPOSALS

1. School and local education authority details

- (i) Bitterne Park Infant School and Bitterne Park Junior School (Community Schools), Manor Farm Road, Southampton, SO18 1NX
- (ii) Tanners Brook Infant School and Tanners Brook Junior School (Community Schools), Elmes Drive, Southampton, SO15 4PF
- (iii) Oakwood Infant School and Oakwood Junior Schools (Community Schools), Sandpiper Road, Southampton, Southampton, SO16 8FE
- (iv) Valentine Infant School and Heathfield Junior School (Community Schools), Valentine Avenue, Southampton, S019 0EQ
- (v) St Monica Infant School (Community School), Bay Road, Southampton, SO19 8EZ and St Monica Junior School (Community School), St Monica Road, Southampton, SO19 8ES

2. Implementation and any proposed stages for implementation

- (i) Bitterne Park Infant School would close and Bitterne Park Junior School would change its age range from 7-11 year olds to 4-11 year olds from 1 September 2013.
- (ii) Tanners Brook Junior School would close and Tanners Brook Infant School would change its age range from 4-7 year olds to 4-11 year olds from 1 September 2013.
- (iii) Oakwood Infant School would close and Oakwood Junior School would change its age range from 7-11 year olds to 4-11 year olds from 1 January 2014.
- (iv) Heathfield Junior School would close and Valentine Infant School would change its age range from 4-7 year olds to 4-11 year olds from 1 January 2014.
- (v) St Monica Junior School would close and St Monica Infant School would change its age range from 4-7 year olds to 4-11 year olds from 1 January 2014.

3. Consultation

Consultation on the proposals was carried out with all affected parties between 6 February 2013 and 10 April 2013.

- (a) Consultees included parents and staff at all the schools included in the proposals, Southampton City Council staff, all Southampton headteachers, Church of England and Catholic Dioceses, local Councillors, local MP's, Hampshire County Council, Portsmouth City Council.
- (b) Minutes of relevant consultation meetings are attached at Appendix 1
- (c) Representations received from consultees are included at Appendix 2
- (d) All statutory requirements imposed by virtue of the Education and Inspections Act 2006 and associated secondary legislation in relation to the carrying out of consultation have been met.

- (e) Appendix 3 includes copies of all consultation documents. These were sent to all parents & staff at schools included in the proposals and were also published on the Council's website. A link to the website was sent to all relevant stakeholders

4. Objections and comments

All proposals will be published on 25 April 2013.

Within 6 weeks from the date of publication of the above proposals any person may object or make comment on the proposals by sending them to the local education authority (by 6 June 2013).

Objections or comments should be sent to Primary School Development Consultation, Infrastructure, Children's Services and Learning, Floor Four One Guildhall Square, Southampton City Council, Civic Centre, Southampton, SO14 7LY or infrastructureandcapital.projects@southampton.gov.uk.

5. Alteration description

Bitterne Park Infant School would close (discontinue) and Bitterne Park Junior School would change its age range from 7-11 year olds to 4-11 year olds from 1 September 2013, thus forming an amalgamated all through primary school.

Tanners Brook Junior School would close (discontinue) and Tanners Brook Infant School would change its age range from 4-7 year olds to 4-11 year olds from 1 September 2013, thus forming an amalgamated all through primary school.

Oakwood Infant School would close (discontinue) and Oakwood Junior School would change its age range from 7-11 year olds to 4-11 year olds from 1 January 2014, thus forming an amalgamated all through primary school.

Heathfield Junior School would close (discontinue) and Valentine Infant School would change its age range from 4-7 year olds to 4-11 year olds from 1 January 2014, thus forming an amalgamated all through primary school.

St Monica Junior School would close (discontinue) and St Monica Infant School would extend its age range from 4-7 year olds to 4-11 year olds and from 1 January 2014, thus forming an amalgamated all through primary school.

6. Objectives

The objectives are to create all through primary schools from linked infant and junior schools because the Local Authority believes that the primary model has many positives. For example, primary schools:

- Are in a stronger position to plan for continuity and progression through the key stages of learning, Early Years, Key Stage 1 and 2.
- Provide staff with greater opportunities to gain a broader and deeper understanding of the learning continuum for children from 4 to 11 years.
- Have a single, larger budget offers the opportunity to deliver quality more efficiently, through greater economies of scale.
- There is a direct benefit to parents in the admissions process. Parents have to apply to secure a place in an infant school, at year R and a junior school, at year 3. Only one application is required for primary school – for admission to year R.

7. Standards & Diversity

If implemented, the proposals have the potential to reduce to progress lag at the transition stage from infant to junior school. It would also lead to a more consistent leadership structure across all year groups and a more efficient use of resources. It is hoped that these advantages would contribute to a rise in standards across all schools included in the proposals. The establishment of all through primary schools would provide children in the areas in which the schools are based, to have the option to apply for a nearby primary school. At present, this option isn't available for some parents/pupils.

8. Need for Places

The number of primary school places in the city will not change as a result of these proposals. The same number of places will be available at the primary schools as there are at separate infant and junior schools. While either the infant or the junior would close under these proposals, no children would be displaced. Pupils at the closing school will still attend the same school site/building only under the guise of a primary as opposed to separate infant and juniors.

9. Impact on the Community

It is not anticipated that there will be a significant impact on the communities in which the schools are based because the schools will continue to operate on the same site and buildings, will continue to have the same number of places available and will not alter the current catchment areas of any of the schools.

10. Travel

It is not anticipated that the proposals would have any impact on travel arrangements for any of the schools as they will continue to operate on the same sites and the Council's Home to School Transport Policy will continue to apply.

11. School capacity

Current & Proposed Capacity:

- (i) The capacity of the Bitterne Park Infant is 270. The capacity of Bitterne Park Junior is 360. The capacity of the primary would be 630.
- (ii) The capacity of Tanners Brook Infant is 300. The capacity of Tanners Brook Junior is 360. The capacity of the primary would be 660. Tanners Brook Infant increased its PAN from 90 to 120 in September 2012. It is planned that the infant, and subsequently the junior, will expand year on year until all year groups have expanded.
- (iii) The capacity of Oakwood Infant is 180. The capacity of Oakwood Junior is 240. The capacity of the primary would be 420.
- (iv) The capacity of Valentine Infant School is 300. The capacity of Heathfield Junior is 360. The capacity of the primary would be 660. Valentine Infant increased its PAN from 90 to 120 in September 2012. It is planned that the infant and subsequently Heathfield Junior will expand year on year until all year groups have expanded.
- (v) The capacity of St Monica Infant is 270. The capacity of St Monica Junior is 360. The capacity of the primary would be 630.

Current & Proposed PAN's:

- (i) Bitterne Park Infant and Junior have a PAN of 90 and the PAN of the Primary would be

90.

(ii) Tanners Brook Infant has a PAN of 120 and Tanners Brook Junior has a PAN 90. The PAN of the Primary would be 120.

(iii) Oakwood Infant and Junior have a PAN of 60 and the PAN of the Primary would be 60.

(iv) Valentine Infant has a PAN of 120 and Heathfield Junior has a PAN of 90. The PAN of the Primary would be 120

(v) St Monica Infant and Junior have a PAN of 90 and the PAN of the primary would be 90.

Number of Pupils on Roll at Time of Publishing Proposals:

Bitterne Park Infant – 270

Bitterne Park Junior – 356

Tanners Brook Infant – 263

Tanners Brook Junior – 323

Oakwood Infant - 176

Oakwood Junior - 242

Valentine Infant - 291

Heathfield Junior - 280

St Monica Infant - 269

St Monica Junior - 358

12. Implementation

The Proposals relate to Community Schools and will therefore be wholly implemented by Southampton City Council.

13. Sites

The primary schools will operate out of the same buildings as the current infant and junior schools. All infant and junior schools in these proposals are located on the same site, apart from St Monica Infant and Junior schools. This would operate as a split site primary school utilising the existing infant and junior sites.

14. Project costs

It is not anticipated that any capital costs will be incurred as a result of these proposals. All ongoing costs for the proposed primary school will be met from within existing school delegated budgets and capital allocations.

15. Age range

The current Age range of the relevant schools is set out below. The proposals will result in the changes in age range set out in section 2 above.

Bitterne Park Infant: ages 4-7

Bitterne Park Junior: ages 7-11

Tanners Brook Infant: ages 4-7

Tanners Brook Junior: ages 7-11

Oakwood Infant: ages 4-7

Oakwood Junior: ages 7-11

Valentine Infant: ages 4-7

Heathfield Junior: ages 7-11

St Monica Infant: ages 4-7

St Monica Junior: ages 7-11