

Out Rawcliffe Church of England Primary School

Notice is given in accordance with section 15(1) of the Education and Inspections Act 2006 that Lancashire County Council, PO Box 61, County Hall, Preston, PR1 8RJ intends to discontinue Out Rawcliffe Church of England Primary School, Crook Gate Lane, Out Rawcliffe, Preston, PR3 6BH on 31 August 2013.

All relevant statutory requirements regarding consultation on this proposal have been complied with.

There are currently sufficient places available for all displaced pupils to be offered places in schools in all of the year groups at neighbouring schools, one of these schools being a voluntary aided Church of England school for any children that wish to continue with a Church of England education. If Out Rawcliffe CE Primary School closes, Lancashire County Council will work with parents to identify preferred alternative school provision.

The proposed transport arrangements for displaced pupils that were eligible would be made in accordance with the authority's current transport policy.

The local authority's opinion is that this proposal is not related to any other proposals that have been, are, or are about to be published. This Notice is an extract from the complete proposal. Copies of the complete proposal can be inspected at the school; the Area Education Office at the White Cross Education Centre, Lancaster; Lancaster City and Wyre and Fylde Councils and local libraries. Copies can also be obtained from the local authority at the address below or accessed via www.lancashire.gov.uk/schoolorganisationreviews or by telephoning Steph Rhodes on (01772) 531957.

Within six weeks from the date of publication of this proposal, any person may object to or make comments on the proposals by sending them to the Directorate for Children and Young People, Provision Planning Team, PO Box 61, County Hall, Preston, PR1 8RJ. To be considered as part of the decision making process to determine the proposal, responses must be received no later than 19 November 2012.

Signed: Ian Fisher, County Secretary and Solicitor
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Explanatory Notes

The proposal arises because of serious concerns about the sustainability of the school, particularly in educational and financial terms. All forms of responses to the consultations were taken into account before the publication of this notice.

Alternative available school places for displaced children are all within four miles of Out Rawcliffe Church of England Primary School. Assistance with admission to schools can be obtained from the Pupil Access Team at the Area Education Office (North), White Cross Education Centre, Quarry Road, Lancaster, LA1 3SQ (Telephone 01524 581134).

Under the provisions of the Freedom of Information Act 2000, information about representations to the published proposal may be accessed by members of the public.

Additional explanatory notes are available via www.lancashire.gov.uk/schoolorganisationreviews.

