

Lancashire County Council
Education and Inspections Act 2006
Deepdale Infant School

Notice is given in accordance with section 19(1) of the Education and Inspections Act 2006 that Lancashire County Council intends to make a prescribed alteration to Deepdale Infant School (a community school), St Stephen's Road, Deepdale, Preston, PR1 6TD by extending the age range from 3 – 7 years to 3 – 11 years to become a primary school and expanding the capacity from 270 pupils to 630 pupils by utilising the existing Deepdale Junior School building from 1st January 2015. This Notice should be read in conjunction with a Notice to close Deepdale Junior School published on the same day.

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

This proposal is linked to the proposal to close Deepdale Junior School. If both of these linked proposals are approved, pupils on roll at Deepdale Junior School and Deepdale Infant School would automatically be transferred to the roll of the primary school. The primary school would operate by utilising both of the existing Junior and Infant school buildings on St Stephen's Road, Deepdale, Preston, PR1 6TD. Whilst pupils would automatically be transferred to the primary school, admission may also be sought to any other schools that have places available.

The current capacity of Deepdale Infant School is 270 and the proposed capacity will be 630. The current number of pupils registered at the school is 269. The current admission number for the school is 90 and the proposed admission number will be 90.

These proposals are intrinsically linked and should not be considered in isolation, as the approval of one proposal will have a significant impact on the other proposal. This Notice is an extract from the complete proposals. Copies of the complete proposals can be inspected at Deepdale Junior School, Deepdale Infant School, the Area Education Office (South) at East Cliff, Preston City Council 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 Maxine Smith on (01772) 531841.

Within four weeks from the date of publication of these proposals, 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, Room B34, 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 12 August 2014.

Signed: Ian Young, County Secretary and Solicitor
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Explanatory Notes

Approval to these proposals is sought simultaneously because they are interlinked and consequently each is dependent on the approval of the other.

The proposal to close Deepdale Junior School from 31 December 2014 arises because of concerns about the educational standards at the school. All forms of responses to the consultation were taken into account before the publication of this notice.

The proposal to extend the age range and enlarge the premises of Deepdale Infant School from 1 January 2015 arises from the need to accommodate former Deepdale Junior School pupils if the proposal to close Deepdale Junior School from 31 December 2014 is approved.

Assistance with admission to any schools can be obtained from the Pupil Access Team at the Area Education Office (South), East Cliff, Preston, PR1 3JT (Telephone 01772 531797).

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.