

Glenburn Sports College

Notice is given in accordance with section 15(1) of the Education and Inspections Act 2006 that Lancashire County Council, P O Box 61, County Hall, Preston, PR1 8RJ intends to discontinue Glenburn Sports College, Yewdale, Southway, Skelmersdale, WN8 6JB, in phases commencing on 31st August 2015 and concluding on 31st August 2016.

There are currently sufficient places available for all displaced pupils to be offered places in schools in the West Lancashire area as a whole. Admissions may also be sought to other schools with available places.

Future secondary age pupil numbers in the Skelmersdale area suggest that three schools are sufficient for the area in the medium term but that, longer term, one school may need to expand by 30 pupils per year group (one class per year) in order to meet longer term demand and provide some flexibility in the area.

It is proposed that Lathom High School be named as the receiving school in any proposals to close Glenburn Sports College. This would mean that pupils at Glenburn would be guaranteed a place at Lathom but it still allows parents to express a preference and secure a place at an alternative secondary school, if this is wanted and places are available.

Specific transport arrangements have been suggested in relation to this proposal and these arrangements can be viewed in the complete proposal document.

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 Glenburn Sports College at the address above, the Area Education Office (South); at West Lancashire Borough Council offices, at the addresses in the notes below, and local libraries. Copies can be obtained from the Provision Planning Team, Directorate for Children and Young People, PO Box 61, County Hall, Preston, PR1 8RJ. Copies can be accessed through www.lancashire.gov.uk/schoolorganisationreviews

Within four weeks from the date of publication of this proposal, any person may object to or make comments on the proposal by posting them to Provision Planning Team, Directorate for Children and Young People, FREEPOST PR503, Preston, PR1 8BR. Responses can also be emailed to planning.reorganisation@lancashire.gov.uk or faxed to 01772 533971. To be considered as part of the decision making process to determine the proposal, responses must be received no later than 29th March 2015.

Signed: Ian Fisher, County Secretary and Solicitor
Date: 2nd March 2015

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.

The Authority will need to decide whether to implement the proposal before 29th May 2015, otherwise it must be referred to the Adjudicator for a final decision.

The Cabinet Member for Children, Schools and Young People has committed to extending the planned concession around assistance with home to school transport, to those pupils allocated to start Year 7 at Glenburn Sports College in 2015.

Assistance with admission to schools can be obtained from the Pupil Access Team at the Area Education Office (South), Joint Divisional Offices, East Cliff, Preston, PR1 3JT. Under the provisions of the Freedom of Information Act 2000, information about representations to the published proposals may be accessed by members of the public.