

DECISION RECORD

Subject: to 'amalgamate' Redbourn Junior School, Long Cutt, Redbourn, Hertfordshire, AL3 7EX and Redbourn Infant & Nursery School, Long Cutt, Redbourn, Hertfordshire, AL3 7EX from 30 January 2018. Technically, to achieve this means the legal proposal is : (i) the closure of Redbourn Junior School on 16 April 2018 and (ii) the extension of the age range of Redbourn Infant & Nursery School from 3 to 7 years to 3 to 11 years from 17 April 2018.

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Portfolio: Executive Member for Education,
Libraries & Localism

1. Decision

The Director of Children's Services has decided to commence consultation on a proposal to amalgamate Redbourn Infant & Nursery and Redbourn Junior School by closing Redbourn Junior School on (no earlier than) 16 April 2018 and the extending the age range of Redbourn Infant & Nursery School from 3 to 7 years to 3 to 11 years from (no earlier than) 17 April 2018.

2. Reasons for the decision

The governing bodies of both the Infant and Junior Schools have asked the county council to amalgamate the schools to create a 2 f.e. primary school, providing education through from three to eleven, in the best interests of the local community and children. The governors' judgement is that the new school will provide a consistent approach to each child's primary education under the leadership and management of one head teacher and one staffing structure. It is proposed to extend the age range of the infant school to create the new primary school because currently this school is high performing and is judged by Ofsted to be 'outstanding'.

3. Alternative options considered and rejected

None

4. Consultation

(a) Comments of Executive Member

The Executive Member was in agreement with the proposal to consult.

(b) Comments of other consultees

None

5. Following consultation with, and the concurrence of the Executive Member, I am proceeding with the proposed decision.

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Signed:

Title: Director of Children's Services Date: 23 June 2017

6. Copies of agreed document to:

- The Headteacher & Chair of Governors of Redbourn Junior School and Redbourn Infant & Nursery School
- The Diocese of Westminster (John Paul (JP) Morrison: jpmorrison@rcdow.org.uk)
- The Diocese of St Albans (David Morton: dde@stalbans.anglican.org)
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