



PUBLIC NOTICE

CLOSURE OF ALL SAINTS' CHURCH OF ENGLAND PRIMARY SCHOOL AND TEMPORARY ENLARGEMENT OF YARMOUTH CHURCH OF ENGLAND PRIMARY SCHOOL, ISLE OF WIGHT

1. **Notice is given** in accordance with S15 of the Education and Inspections Act 2006 and the School Organisation (Establishment and Discontinuance of Schools) Regulations 2013 that the Isle of Wight Council, County Hall, High St, Newport PO30 1UD intends to discontinue All Saints' Church of England Primary School, 79 School Green Rd, Freshwater PO40 9AX (category of school – Controlled Church of England) from 03 April 2020.
2. All Saints' CE Primary currently provides education for pupils between the ages of 4-11 and has a capacity of 210 places and a current number on roll of 79.
3. The closure of All Saints' CE Primary School is being proposed;
 - due to a significant decline in pupil numbers at the school and,
 - the school being rated Requires Improvement by Ofsted since 2013.

Parental preference for All Saints' CE Primary School has significantly reduced over the past five years with only 13 Reception Year offers made for September 2019. The financial impact of reducing numbers also means the school has been faced with a substantial deficit budget since the beginning of the 2019 financial year.

4. The Isle of Wight Council, County Hall, High St, Newport PO30 1UD proposes a 'small scale' temporary enlargement of Yarmouth Church of England Primary School as set out in the statutory guidance entitled Making significant changes ('prescribed alterations') to maintained schools dated October 2018. It is proposed that the capacity of Yarmouth Church of England Primary School is temporarily increased from 15 up to 30 pupils per year group if required to support pupils displaced by the closure of All Saints' CE Primary School.
5. In the event that a decision is taken to close All Saints' from 03 April 2020, the local authority will fully support parents to ensure that all current pupils are provided with a suitable alternative school place. Places will be made available for all pupils affected by the closure of All Saints' CE Primary School at Yarmouth CE Primary School should they choose. Parents are entitled to make an application to other schools if they wish and preference will be met wherever possible, depending on availability of places. Parents also have the right of appeal to an independent appeal panel against any decision to refuse their child a place at a particular school.
6. The council will, if required, provide free transport for those displaced pupils between All Saints' and Yarmouth until the relocation of Yarmouth to the All Saints' site takes place.
7. The current capacity of Yarmouth CE Primary School is for 105 pupils. The alteration would result in the premises being enlarged temporarily to allow the school to offer up to 210 pupil places if required with effect from 04 April 2020.
8. The estimated cost for this project is based upon the majority of displaced pupils from All Saints' wishing to attend Yarmouth and this bringing a need for additional temporary accommodation on the Yarmouth site. Based on this scenario the estimated cost of this project is £250,000 to £300,000. If an alternate solution to the above is considered more appropriate, costs will be looked at and revised.
9. The proposed redevelopment of the All Saints' site is to be funded by Department for Education through its Priority School Building Programme 2 (PSBP2), this is planned to start in 2020 and complete for the autumn of 2021. Once complete it is planned that Yarmouth CE Primary School be relocated to this site.
10. Should the proposal be approved, the future of the Yarmouth CE Primary site is currently undecided. The IW Council would be keen, in conjunction with the Diocese and local community, to look at how the site could be used to support public infrastructure opportunities.
11. This Notice is formed from the complete proposal which contains reasons for the decision. Copies of the complete proposal can be obtained from Richard Vaughan, Deputy Head of Strategic Development, Children's Services Department, The Castle, Winchester, Hampshire SO23 8UG (email: strategicplanningunit@hants.gov.uk).
12. Before 20th September 2019, any person may object to or make comments on the proposals by sending them to Richard Vaughan, Strategic Development Office, Children's Services Department, The Castle, Winchester, Hampshire SO23 8UG (email: strategicplanningunit@hants.gov.uk)

John Metcalfe, Chief Executive, Isle of Wight Council

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