

CABINET MEMBER DECISION

Decision:

To Determine a Proposal to Publish Notices to Close the Stanwell New Road Base of Riverbridge Primary School in Staines

(i) Details of decision

Approved that Statutory Notices be published to the effect that:

- Stanwell New Road Base ceases to operate as part of the Riverbridge Primary School with effect from the end of the present academic year – July 2014. Other educational uses for this site are being considered as part of the overall strategy for education provision.
- An associated building programme goes ahead in a single phase to provide three new classrooms and some improvements to outdoor play space on the Park Avenue Base.

(ii) Reasons for decision

This proposal affords the school the opportunity to consolidate its operations on two adjacent sites thus giving the feel of a fully integrated primary school.

The proposal also offers the County Council the opportunity to consider other educational uses for the site.

The school reports as having had many parents who have not wanted a Reception place for their child at the Stanwell New Road Base, but would prefer a place at Knowle Green base from the start of their child's schooling. The Headteacher has confirmed that they currently have a large waiting list of parents wishing to transfer to the Knowle Green Base.

There are sound educational and operational benefits to the proposal: first, the consolidation on two adjacent sites will enable the school to have one base dedicated to Early Years education and the other set up for Year 2 leading into Key Stage 2 junior classrooms. Teachers will be able to meet and plan together more easily. It will also give the Senior Leadership Team more time to spend with staff and pupils and cut down on travelling time between bases. This will be a much more productive use of their time and expertise.

(iii) Details of any alternative options considered and rejected

None.

(iv) Details of any consultation and representations received not included in the published report

The Headteacher of Riverbridge Primary School, Maggie Robertson, and the School Business Manager, Claire Quillish, attended the meeting and spoke in support of the recommendations.

Conflicts of Interest and any Dispensations Granted

(Any conflict of interest declared by any other Cabinet Member consulted in relation to the decision to be recorded and any dispensations granted by the Audit and Governance Committee)

None.

Decision taken by:

(i) **Name:** Linda Kemeny

(ii) **Portfolio:** Cabinet Member for Schools and Learning Decisions

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Date of Publication of Record of Decision: 13 March 2014

Date decision effective (i.e. 5 working days after date of publication of record of decision unless subject to call-in by the Children & Education Select Committee):
20 March 2014.