

CABINET MEMBER DECISION

Decision:

Proposed 6th Form Closure At The Priory Church Of England (Aided) School, Dorking

(i) Details of decision

The Cabinet Member for Education and Learning determined the statutory notice published thereby bringing into effect the formal commencement of the proposals. The proposal was approved without modification.

(ii) Reasons for decision

Over the last seven years, The Priory Church of England (Aided) School has seen a decline in the number of students attending the sixth form provision at the school. The school has a capacity of 200 places for post-16 pupils and as of January 2021 school census, only had 45 pupils on roll. Low sixth form numbers place a considerable financial burden on the overall school budget. The provision is underutilised and not sustainable to operate, therefore the Governing Body proposed, in conjunction with Surrey County Council and the Diocese of Guildford, that the sixth form provision be removed from September 2022.

(iii) Details of any alternative options considered and rejected

None.

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

None.

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:** Denise Turner-Stewart
- (ii) **Portfolio:** Cabinet Member for Education & Learning Decisions

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Decision:

Proposal to Lower The Age Range At Stamford Green Primary School

(i) Details of decision

The Cabinet Member for Education and Learning determined the Statutory Notices approving the proposal without modifications to lower the age range at Stamford Green Primary School.

(ii) Reasons for decision

The nursery is currently meeting a need identified through the Surrey County Council Childcare Sufficiency assessment. The proposed change will incorporate the current nursery provision as part of the maintained school. This will enable the school to build on and strengthen the arrangements already in place and provide a joined-up approach for all children from 2 to 11 years old.

As nursery children will be on roll as part of the whole school, the systems and processes will be streamlined, enabling the school to deploy our resources across the nursery and school to ensure that every child realises their potential.

(iii) Details of any alternative options considered and rejected

None.

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

None.

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Decision:

Additional Specialist School Places For Pupils With Special Educational Needs And Disabilities

(i) Details of decision

The Cabinet Member for Education and Learning determined the statutory notices published for each of the 2 proposals below without modification, thereby bringing into effect the formal commencement of the proposals.

1. The Expansion of Freemantle's School, and
2. Creation of a SEN Unit at Chandlers Field Primary School.

(ii) Reasons for decision

Following the introduction of The Children and Families Act, 2014 and revised SEND Code of Practice in 2015, Surrey has seen the number of Education, Health and Care Plans (EHCPs) increase by between 11-18% each year, resulting in the projected demand for 5,100 specialist school places within the next 5 years.

The SEND Capital Programme's approved strategy will deliver the additional 1,600 specialist school places which will be phased in to close the gap between the planned places of 3,513 in 2021 and the total projected demand by approximately 2026.

This significant increase in demand for specialist provision has led to a historic over reliance on the independent school sector. Surrey's ambition is to ensure sufficient maintained placement availability for the cohort of children and young people who have SEND and need specialist placements so that they are educated closer to home and are more connected to local communities and support services.

The Cabinet Member for Education and Learning 's approvals and recommendations completes the statutory process in accordance with the relevant legislation to make appropriate changes to Surrey's specialist estate.

(iii) Details of any alternative options considered and rejected

None.

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

None.

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