

Englefield Green Infant School and Nurseries



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Cllr. Tim Oliver
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Dear Cllr Oliver,

Proposal to create a new VA Infant School at Englefield Green

The Governing Body of Englefield Green Infant School and Nurseries is wholly committed to providing sustainable excellence in early years education and, I am writing on their behalf to confirm their unanimous endorsement and support for the proposed new infant school with the amalgamation of Christ Church CofE Infants School and Englefield Green Infant School and Nurseries.

The characteristics of the catchment areas for the two schools have changed significantly, resulting in declining or volatile admissions. Now all the indicators show that it is extremely unlikely there will be any major reversal of these trends. The declines have subsequently resulted in reduced funding and the constant re-organisation of staffing and teaching at both schools.

As you may already know the proposal was initiated by the Chairs of both infant schools and the Chair of St Jude's CofE Junior School. We have continued to work closely with them, together with the Diocese and your Council colleagues to enhance the proposal and progress it to its final stages. A prime example of this close co-operation is the current Co-Headteachers' agreement between the three schools to support Christ Church Infant School during the next 12 months.

The Governing Body views the proposal to create a new school on the Englefield Green site as a strategic move and feasible solution that will meet the long term needs of children in the respective catchment areas. It is on this basis that they very much look forward to working alongside all the other stakeholders to successfully establish the new infant school from September next year.

Your sincerely


John Stockley
Chair of Governors
Englefield Green Infant School and Nurseries.



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