

**PART 1 – PROPOSAL TO CEASE TO MAINTAIN STAMFORD PARK INFANT SCHOOL**

The published admission number (PAN) for the Infant School is 70 covering the age range 3 to 7. The maximum number of children on roll at the School is 210 (not including the nursery children).

The net capacity of the School is 191. At the time of the publication of the proposal the number of children on roll is 210 (not including the nursery children). The proposal to cease to maintain Stamford Park Infant School is linked to the proposal to extend the age range of Stamford Park Junior School. The combined effect of these linked proposals is, in effect, the “amalgamation” of the two schools to form, on current adjacent sites, a 490 place community primary school (plus 52 part time nursery places) for pupils aged 3 – 11.

At the time of the publication of the proposal the number of children on roll is 207. It is proposed that all children on roll at Stamford Park Infant School will be automatically admitted to the extended Stamford Park Junior School (Stamford Park Primary School). The need, therefore, for special transitional and transport arrangements are unnecessary. Other pupils wishing to gain admission to the proposed new primary school will be subject to the Local Authority’s usual Admission and Home to School Transport policies.

Early Years provision and extended services offered at the Infant school will continue, unchanged, at the amalgamated school.

The LA does not consider that there will be any adverse impact on the community.

**PART 2 – STAMFORD PARK JUNIOR SCHOOL**

**School capacity**

The published admission number (PAN) for the School is also 70 covering the age range 7 to 11. The maximum number of children on roll at the School is 280. The net capacity of the school is 227. At the time of the publication of the proposal the number of children on roll is 274.

It is proposed that the age range will be altered to age 3 to 11.

This proposal is linked to the proposal to cease to maintain Stamford Park Infant School. The combined effect of these linked proposals is in effect the “amalgamation” of the two schools to form, on the same shared site, a 490 place community primary school for pupils aged 3 – 11. The maximum number of children on roll at the primary school will therefore be 490. The Net Capacity of the amalgamated schools will be 418. There are no proposed physical alterations.

## **Additional Site**

The proposal is to accommodate all children on the current site. No new or additional site will be required.

## **Objectives**

The proposal to cease to maintain Stamford Park Infant School and to extend Stamford Park Junior School will enable better continuity and progression of children's work, particularly between Key Stage 1 (5-7) and Key Stage 2 (7-11,) and so create additional opportunities for improved educational standards and achievement. Pupils will not be required to transfer between the schools at Year 3, supporting curriculum continuity and in turn creating the opportunity for improved educational achievement.

As the school will provide education at Foundation, Key Stage One and Key Stage Two, it will be able to offer expertise to cover the whole curriculum.

The amalgamation will provide opportunities to increase the range of expertise and experience of teaching staff and provide opportunities for improvements in the deployment and development of teachers. It will offer increased opportunities for staff to develop their professional interests and skills. This will assist in the recruitment and retention of staff by providing greater professional opportunities.

It will enable the schools to develop a single vision for the future. The amalgamation will provide opportunities for development of the curriculum and in particular enhance the delivery. The two schools provide a good education for their pupils at present and are well supported by parents and governors.

The amalgamation will reduce management and running costs due to economies of scale. The amalgamation will provide opportunity for better use of educational resources including teaching and nonteaching staff

## **Consultation**

The details of the consultation, including a list of persons and/or persons consulted and the comments and responses provided were included in the report to the Executive and was supported by accompanying documents. All applicable statutory requirements in relation to the proposals to consult were complied with.

## **Project Costs**

Sufficient accommodation is available and no capital costs are anticipated.