

AMALGAMATION OF FISHERSGATE FIRST, MANOR HALL FIRST AND MANOR HALL MIDDLE SCHOOLS

Notice is hereby given in accordance with the School Standards and Framework Act 1998 ("The Act"), that West Sussex County Council intend to make the following changes:

In accordance with section 28(1) of the Act to establish a new Community Primary school for 420 boys and girls between the ages of 4 and 11 from 01 September 2008. The new school will incorporate the nursery class currently part of Fishersgate First School on the Gardner Road site. This offers 26 part-time places (26 in the morning and 26 in the afternoon). This class will be linked to the Children's Centre being established on the Gardner Road site and developed to take into account the new 0-5 Early Years Foundation Stage.

The new school will operate at the following addresses: Gardner Road, Portslade BN41 1PN and Manor Hall Road, Southwick BN42 4NF.

The number of pupils to be admitted to the school at age 4 from 01 September 2008 and in subsequent years will be 60.

The admission arrangements will not make any provision for selection by ability.

The admissions authority of the proposed school will be West Sussex County Council.

In accordance with Section 29(1) of the Act to discontinue Fishersgate First School, Gardner Road, Portslade, Brighton, East Sussex BN41 1PN on 31 August 2008.

In accordance with Section 29(1) of the Act to discontinue Manor Hall First School, Manor Hall Road, Southwick, Brighton, East Sussex BN42 4NF on 31 August 2008.

In accordance with section 29(1) of the Act to discontinue Manor Hall Middle School, Manor Hall Road, Southwick, Brighton, East Sussex BN42 4NF on 31 August 2008.

All pupils will transfer to the new school being formed by the amalgamation of these three schools.

Transport arrangements will be in accordance with the County Council's usual policy.

Consultation on the future pattern of schooling in this area has shown a diversity of views on how the needs of local children will be best met. In his report on the previous proposal, the Schools Adjudicator identified the need for a compromise to be found to help community cohesion. This proposal has been developed with Head Teachers and Governors from all three schools to reflect a set of shared principles

Within six weeks after the date of publication of the above proposals, any person may object to or make comments on the proposals by sending their representations to Mr P. Whiffing, Children and Young People's Service, County Hall, Chichester, West Sussex PO19 1RF.

Within one month after the end of the representation period, the LEA will send to the School Organisation Committee for the area copies of all objections and comments made (and not withdrawn in writing) within the representation period, together with the Authority's observations on them.

Signed: Robert Back

Date: 8 February 2007

Explanatory Notes

The proposal set out in this notice follows extensive consultation begun in the autumn of 2005. It follows the School Adjudicator's rejection of an earlier proposal for these three schools and reflects his report. This notice will lead to the amalgamation of Fishersgate First School, Manor Hall First School and Manor Hall Middle School. The new school will be based in both Gardner Road and Manor Hall Road.