

STATUTORY NOTICE OF A PROPOSAL TO DISCONTINUE A SCHOOL

NOTICE is hereby given, in accordance with section 29 of the School Standards and Framework Act 1998, that the County of Herefordshire District Council as Local Authority intend to discontinue Brilley Church of England Primary School, Whitney-on-Wye, Hereford, HR3 6JG, on 31st August 2007. **[Explanatory Note 1 below]**.

It is proposed to provide for future pupils, living within the catchment area of Brilley Church of England Primary School, Whitney-on-Wye, Hereford, HR3 6JG at Eardisley Church of England Primary School and Kington Primary School. Eardisley CE Primary School and Kington Primary School have sufficient room to accommodate all pupils currently under the age 5 living within the area of Brilley. The Council, therefore, has no proposals to increase the number of places at Eardisley CE Primary School or Kington Primary School. Parents may alternatively seek admission to any other school. If parents want their child to go to a school which doesn't have places available then they would have a right of appeal. **[Explanatory Note 2 below]**. It is proposed that Eardisley Primary School will be the provided school for all the area currently served by Brilley, with the exception of the houses on or to the north of the minor road from Crossway on the A4111 to Brilley Mount on the C1072. The provided Primary School for this area will be Kington Primary School.

The proposed transport arrangements are for children living within the respective parts of the catchment area of Brilley to be offered appropriate free transport assistance for their journey to and from Eardisley CE Primary School or Kington Primary School each day, provided they live more than 2 miles (children under 8) or 3 miles (children 8 and over) from Eardisley CE Primary School or Kington Primary School or have other relevant circumstances covered by the Authority's home to school transport policy. **[Explanatory Note 3 below]**.

Any person may object to the proposals by sending their objection in writing to the Director of Children's Services, The Herefordshire Council, PO Box 185, Hereford, HR4 9ZR. The closing date of this consultation period is 31st July 2007. Within a month after the end of the objection period, the Herefordshire Council will send to the School Organisation Committee for the area copies of all objections made (and not withdrawn in writing) within the objection period, together with the Authority's observations on them. (Unless DfES issue regulations to abolish the role of the School Organisation Committee, in which case any objections will be reported to the Council.

Explanatory Notes.

Note 1

Brilley CE Primary School is a very small school with currently no children on roll following the transfer of 18 pupils to Almeley Primary School at the start to the summer term. The future of the school has been under consideration within the Review of the Kington, Weobley and Wigmore Areas. Recently, the Governing Body have concluded that, despite the school's very good work over several years, it would now be in the interests of the children for the school to close permanently as soon as possible. The Council have supported the governors' conclusion and have now authorised the issue of a public notice to discontinue the school on 31st August 2007.

Note 2

If the proposal to discontinue the school is approved, particular attention will be given to the needs of the pupils who will transfer to other schools, and to the resourcing of the receiving schools for the additional pupils involved. The extra transport costs and the additional costs for the receiving school(s) will be the first call on the annual revenue resources released. All remaining resources released (estimated at £60,000 annually) will be allocated through the L.M.S Formula to all other schools in the County.

Note 3

It is anticipated that transport will be in the form of a contracted vehicle, operating at suitable times on every day the school is in session. The provided transport will make stops before and after school to pick up/set down children at reasonable locations along its route.

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