

**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 Education Authority intend to discontinue St Mary's of Hope CE Primary School, Leominster, Herefordshire, HR6 OPJ, with effect from 24th March 2005.

The 11 pupils who were in attendance at St Mary's of Hope CE Primary School as at the 17th December 2004 have now accepted places (by parental preference) at a number of local schools. However, the LEA has determined that the catchment school for the St. Mary's of Hope area will be Bodenham, St. Michael's CE Primary School.

The children living within the catchment area of St. Mary's of Hope CE Primary School have been offered free transport assistance for their journey to and from Bodenham, St Michael's CE Primary School each day, provided they live more than 2 miles (children under 8) or 3 miles (children 8 and over) from Bodenham, St. Michael's CE Primary School.

Within 6 weeks after the date of publication of these proposals, any person may object to the proposals by sending their objection in writing to the School Services Manager, Herefordshire Council, PO Box 185, Hereford, HR4 9ZR. 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Council will send to the School Organisation Committee for the area copies of all comments and objections made (and not withdrawn in writing) within the Representation period, together with the Authority's observations on them.

Explanatory Note: This Notice replaces the one dated 11th November 2004 and sets out the final closing date for the School as being 24th March 2005.

Mark Chamberlain

School Services Manager on behalf of Herefordshire Local Education Authority

Date: 30th December 2004