

Statutory proposal for the closure of Englefield Green Infant School and Nurseries (Community Infant School)

Notice is given in accordance with section 15(1) of the Education and Inspections Act 2006, as amended by the Education Act 2011, that Surrey County Council intends to discontinue **Englefield Green Infant School and Nurseries**, with effect from 31 August 2020. This proposal is related to the proposal to discontinue Christ Church C of E Infant School and the linked proposal by the Diocese of Guildford to open a new school on the site of Englefield Green Infant School and Nurseries. The closure of Englefield Green Infant School and Nurseries is an element of the process of opening a new school by amalgamating the two schools. There are no planned changes for the site on Barley Mow Road which will become the site of the new school

Contact details

Name and address of Local Authority publishing the proposal:

Surrey County Council, County Hall, Penrhyn Road, Kingston upon Thames, Surrey, KT1 2DN

Name, address and category of school proposed to be discontinued:

Englefield Green Infant School and Nurseries, Barley Mow Road, Englefield Green, TW20 ONP

Community Infant School

Contact details during statutory representation period:

This is a four week consultation, which begins on 11 March 2020 and concludes at midday on 22 April 2020 (Additional two weeks to allow for 4 weeks representation period during term time due to school holidays). Any person may object to or make comments on the proposals by sending representations to:

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Implementation

Date on which it is proposed to close the school:

31 August 2020

Reason for closure

Surrey County Council, in partnership with the Guildford Diocesan Board of Education and the Governing Bodies of Christ Church C of E Infant School and Englefield Green Infant School and Nurseries, have consulted on a proposal to open a new school by amalgamating the two schools into a single institution from September 2020. It is proposed that the new school would be a voluntary aided school and would be situated on the existing site of Englefield Green Infant School and Nurseries.

In order to amalgamate Christ Church C of E Infant School and Englefield Green Infant School and Nurseries:

1. Surrey County Council and the governing body of Christ Church C of E Infant School are proposing the closure of Christ Church C of E Infant School
2. Surrey County Council and the governing body of Englefield Green Infant School and Nurseries are proposing the closure of Englefield Green Infant School and Nurseries
3. The Guildford Diocesan Board of Education is proposing the opening of a new voluntary aided school and nursery with a Church of England religious character under section 11 of the Education and Inspection Act 2006 on the site of Englefield Green Infant School and Nurseries

The new school will have a Published Admissions Number (PAN) of 60 at Year R, giving an overall capacity of 180 infant school places for mainstream pupils and up to 20 full time places for 2 to 3 year olds and up to 26 full time places for 3 to 4 year olds.

The proposal will formalise existing partnership working between the existing schools and the Diocese of Guildford; allow for the most efficient allocation of resources; reduce surplus places in Virginia Water and Englefield Green; and provide a sustainable offer at key stage 1 with potential to build a stronger partnership with the local Junior School St Jude's C of E Junior School

All children on roll at Christ Church C of E Infant School and Englefield Green Infant School and Nurseries on 31 August 2020 will automatically be on roll at the new school on 1 September 2020

Pupil numbers and admissions

The numbers for whom provision is currently made at the school:

Englefield Green Infant School and Nurseries currently provides for 180 pupils from Year R to Year 2, with capacity for 60 places in each year group. The school is coeducational and does not presently provide dedicated specialist facilities for pupils with Special Educational Needs. In the nurseries there are up to 20 full time places for 2 to 3 year olds and up to 26 full time places for 3 to 4 year olds.

Displaced pupils

This proposal forms part of an amalgamation and, as such, no pupils at the school will be displaced. The decision on the closure of Englefield Green Infant School and Nurseries will be linked to the decisions to open the new school. If the latter decisions are not approved, this proposed closure will not proceed. Should all three proposals be approved, from 1 September 2020; pupils at Englefield Green Infant School and Nurseries will have place at the new school; children under the statutory age for the school currently registered at the nursery will be registered at the nursery at the new school.

As offers for admissions to reception year in September 2020 will be complete before a final decision is made, a place offered at either Christ Church C of E Infant School or Englefield Green Infant School and Nurseries will automatically be a place offered at the new school, if the proposals are approved.

Impact on the community

The new school will take over the site that Englefield Green Infant School and Nurseries is currently on therefore there are no transport impacts for pupils who currently attend Englefield Green Infant School and Nurseries. The new school will be a voluntary aided school which is a change from the current category of community school. The admissions criteria for September 2021 will remain the same as the current admissions criteria for Englefield Green Infant School and Nurseries. Any future changes to the admissions criteria would be subject to further consultation. The new school will be a voluntary aided C of E school which will offer opportunities for a stronger more effective partnership with the local junior school St Jude's Junior School to provide a consistent offer from Year R through to Year 6.

Travel

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