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Part 1:

Notice is given in accordance with section 15(2) of the Education and Inspections Act 2006 that the Governing Body intends to discontinue St Chad's Catholic High, Grangeway, Runcorn WA7 5YH on 31st August 2009.

The Governing Body is proposing the closure of St Chad's Catholic High in order for a joint faith Catholic and Church of England High (11 to 19) school to be established on the current St Chad's Catholic High site. This is a joint agreement with the Catholic Diocese of Shrewsbury and the Church of England Diocese of Chester. Please see part two of this notice for further information.

It is proposed that all St Chad's Catholic High pupils will transfer to the new joint faith school from the 1st September 2009 where provision will continue. There would be no impact on travelling as the new school is being established on the existing site of St Chad's Catholic High. All Statutory consultation requirements have been complied with.

Part 2:

Notice is given in accordance with section 10(2) of the Education and Inspections Act 2006 that the Diocese of Shrewsbury Commission for Schools and Colleges jointly propose with the Diocese of Chester Board of Education the establishment of a new St Chad's Catholic and Church of England Joint Faith, Voluntary Aided High School at Grangeway, Runcorn WA7 5YH on 1st September 2009.

The Secretary of State has granted consent under Section 10 of the Education and Inspections Act 2006 to publish the proposal for a new 11 to 19 Joint Catholic/Church of England Voluntary Aided Secondary school. It is confirmed that the proposers intend to ask the Secretary of State to designate the school as a school with such a religious character.

The new joint faith school will provide a range of extended services including a community and full adult education programme. These will facilitate the use of the school enabling widened community use in sports, health, education and behaviour support.

On 1st September 2009, it is proposed that all pupils at St Chad's Catholic High (estimate 950 pupils 11 to 19 year old) will transfer to St Chad's Catholic and Church of England Joint Faith, Voluntary Aided High School. Published Admission Number will be 190 from 1st September 2009 and that will increase to 240 from 1st September 2013 11 to 16. In addition the school will continue to provide a sixth form for 100.

The new St Chad's ethos is summed up by the Mission Statement 'a secure, friendly community where we seek to realise the full potential of our members through the living love of Christ'. The school will serve the Christian community of Runcorn.

The proposed admission arrangements and over-subscription criteria will be the ones published in the Halton BC booklet 'Admission to Secondary Schools September 2009' available on www.halton.gov.uk. Future admission arrangements and over subscription criteria will be to give priority to places on a 70% Catholic basis and 30% Church of England. All Halton Borough Council looked after children will be given first priority. If the school is not over-subscribed based on the above proportions, children will be admitted based upon the published admission criteria (please see web link above).

St Chad's was designated a specialist Language College in 2001 and re-designated in 2006, this specialism will continue. There would be no impact on traveling as the new school is being established on the existing site of St Chad's Catholic High.

This Notice is an extract from the complete proposal. Copies of the complete proposal can be obtained from: Andrew Keeley, Headteacher, St Chad's Catholic High, Grangeway, Runcorn WA7 5YH. Telephone 01928 564106. A full copy of the proposals can be found on www.stchads.co.uk or www.halton.gov.uk/bsf. Details of the secondary and secondary special reorganisation proposals for Halton can be found on the website.

Within six weeks from the date of publication of this proposal, any person may object to or make comments on the proposal by sending them to Mr M Reaney, Operational Director (Legal, Organisational Development and Human Resources) Municipal Buildings, Kingsway, Widnes WA8 7QF.

Signed:

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For Schools and Colleges

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Explanatory Notes:

All written comments received at the above addresses will be acknowledged. In October 2008, comments will be submitted to the Executive Board of Halton Council in the form of a report, copies of which will be made available to the public on demand. It will not be possible to send detailed responses to individual letters. After a report has been submitted to the Executive Board, all written responses to the consultation exercise will become available for inspection by the public.

Parents will continue to have the right to express a preference. It is recommended that for each of the years up to 2013 a degree of flexibility is retained at each of the four secondary schools in Runcorn to ensure all pupils can be accommodated in advance of the completion of the BSF Programme. The Published Admission Numbers (PAN) will be reviewed to ensure that by 2013 there are a total of 28 forms of entry in Runcorn with a total 840 pupils in each year group. For 2010 it is recommended that the Published Admission Numbers would be: St Chad's 190; The Grange School 180; The Heath 210; Halton High 180.