

CLOSURE OF THE GRANGE NURSERY, INFANT AND JUNIOR SCHOOLS AND THE CHANGE OF AGE RANGE AT THE GRANGE COMPREHENSIVE SCHOOL TO ESTABLISH THE GRANGE ALL THROUGH SCHOOL

The Council is proposing the closure of the Grange Nursery, Infant and Junior Schools and a change of age range at the Grange Comprehensive School to establish a school for pupils aged 3 – 16 years old. This will be rebuilt on the existing Grange Comprehensive site as part of Halton's Building Schools for the Future (BSF) Programme and Primary Capital Programme (PCP). This will establish an all through (0 to 16 years including the day care unit) school called The Grange School.

Part 1:

Notice is given in accordance with section 15(1) of the Education and Inspections Act 2006 that Halton Borough Council, Municipal Building, Kingsway, Widnes, WA8 7QF intends to discontinue:

The Grange Nursery School, Stonehills Lane, Runcorn WA7 5XB on 31st August 2010.

The Grange Infant School, Stonehills Lane, Runcorn WA7 5XB on 31st August 2010 and

The Grange Junior School, Latham Avenue, Runcorn WA7 5DX on 31st August 2010.

It is proposed that all the pupils from the Grange Nursery, Infant and Junior Schools will transfer to the Grange Comprehensive which will be altered to expand the age range and become The Grange School, a single all through school from the 1st September 2010 and existing provision will continue. Admission may also be sought to other schools which have places available. There will be no pupils displaced due to this re-organisation. The Grange Junior has provision for children with Special Educational Needs, this provision is subject to a separate statutory proposal. The Comprehensive School has provision for children with Special Educational Needs currently and this will continue into the future; this provision was subject to a previous concluded statutory proposal. It is proposed that all existing pupils will transfer to The Grange all through School where provision will continue. Pupils attending the existing day care centre will also transfer to the all through Grange School at the same time. There would be no impact on travelling as the new school is being established in the existing facilities with a purpose built facility being constructed on the site of the existing Grange Comprehensive School as part of the Halton BSF Programme and PCP.

All Statutory consultation requirements have been complied with.

Part 2 A and B:

Notice is given in accordance with section 19(1) of the Education and Inspections Act 2006 that Halton Borough Council intends to make prescribed alterations to:

The Grange Comprehensive School, Latham Avenue, Runcorn WA7 5DX 1st September 2010.

It is proposed to

- A) change the age range of the school from 11-16 to 3-16 and
- B) enlarge the school from 1050 pupils to 1445 pupils.

The current capacity of the school is 1050 and the proposed capacity will be 1320 (excluding the Nursery school). The current number of pupils registered at the school is 950. The current admission number is 210 and the proposed admission number is 60 at age 4 and a further 120 at age 11, making a total of 180. The nursery will provide 52 full time equivalent places.

As part of the Halton BSF Programme and PCP, The Grange School will be rebuilt on The Grange Comprehensive School site.

During the period from 1st September 2010 to the completion of phase one of the Halton BSF Programme and PCP building work is complete, The Grange School will operate on a split site basis using all existing buildings. (Please see Part 1 of this notice for further information).

Following the completion of the new build, the school will cease to operate in separate facilities and will operate solely in the new building on the existing Grange Comprehensive site.

This Notice is an extract from the complete proposal. Copies of the complete proposal can be obtained from: Ann McIntyre, Operational Director, Children and Young People's Directorate, Grosvenor House, Halton Lea, Runcorn, WA7 2WD. Telephone Number 0151 471 7543. A full copy of the proposals can be found on <http://www.halton.gov.uk/bsf>.

Within 6 weeks of Part 1 and Part 2A and within 4 weeks of Part 2B 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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Explanatory Notes:

All written comments received at the above addresses will be acknowledged. In September 2009, 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 three 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 29 forms of entry in Runcorn with a total 870 pupils in each year group. For 2010 it is recommended, subject to approval by the Halton Admission Forum, that the Published Admission Numbers would be; Halton High - 180 (6 form entry plus sixth form); St Chad's Catholic High School - 240 (8 form entry plus sixth form); The Grange School - 180 (6 form entry); The Heath – A Specialist Technology College - 270 (9 form entry).