

STATUTORY NOTICE

Proposal to discontinue St John's Church of England Voluntary Aided Infant School and to expand the age range of St John's Church of England Voluntary Aided Junior School

Part 1: Closure of St John's Church of England Voluntary Aided Infant School

Notice is given in accordance with section 15(1) of the Education and Inspections Act 2006 that Oldham Council (the Local Authority), Civic Centre, West Street, Oldham OL1 1XJ intends to discontinue St John's Church of England Voluntary Aided Infant School, Ashton Road, Failsworth, Manchester, M35 5PN with effect from 31 August 2014.

This proposal is linked to the proposal in Part 2 of this Notice

Part 2: Expansion of the age range of St John's Church of England Junior School

Notice is also given in accordance with section 19(3) of the Education and Inspections Act 2006 that the Governing Body of St John's Church of England Voluntary Aided Junior School, James Street, Failsworth, Manchester, M35 9PY intends to make a prescribed alteration to St John's Church of England Voluntary Aided Junior School. The Governing Body of St John's Church of England Voluntary Aided Junior School proposes to expand the age range of the School with effect from 1 September 2014.

The proposal to close St John's Church of England Voluntary Aided Infant School is related to the proposal to expand St John's Church of England Voluntary Aided Junior School. The expanded school will offer provision for pupils aged 4 years to 11 years. It is proposed that the expanded school will have a new name.

A period of consultation in respect of these proposals was undertaken jointly by the Church of England Diocese of Manchester (the Diocese), Church House, 90 Deansgate, Manchester and Oldham Council between 9 September 2013 and 18 October 2013. All statutory consultation requirements relating to this proposal have been complied with.

It is proposed that the pupils currently attending St John's Church of England Voluntary Aided Infant School will automatically transfer as appropriate to the proposed expanded St John's Church of England Junior School which will then be known as St John's Church of England Primary School. Admission may also be sought to other schools which may have places available.

The proposed expanded primary school will be located in the current premises of St John's Infant School, Ashton Road, Failsworth, Manchester, M35 5PN and St John's Junior School, James Street, Failsworth, Manchester, M35 9PY and so the proposal is unlikely to affect car usage. The Local Authority's existing transport policy will continue to apply to all pupils, including the School Travel Plans currently adopted by St John's Church of England Infant School and St John's Church of England Junior School.

The proposed expanded school will cater for pupils between the ages of 4 and 11 and provide places for 280 boys and girls. The admission number for the school on the new opening date will be 40. The admission authority of the proposed through primary school will be the Governing Body. In the event that there are more applications than there are places available, following the admission of any children who have a Statement of Special Educational Needs naming St John's Primary School, the following over-subscription criteria will be applied:

1. Children who are in public care (Looked After Children LAC)

2. Children whose medical or social circumstances mean that their needs can only be met at this school.
3. Children who regularly attend St. John's Church.
4. Children who will have an older brother or sister attending the school at the time of their admission
5. Children who regularly attend another place of worship.
6. Any other children

This notice is an extract from the complete proposal which is available to view on the Oldham Council website, or upon request from the Access Service, PO Box 40, Level 6, Civic Centre, West Street, Oldham, OL1 1XJ or

Within six weeks from the date of publication of this proposal any person may object to or make comments on the proposals by sending them to Access Service, PO Box 40, Level 6, Civic Centre, West Street, Oldham, OL1 1XJ, or by email to ecs.pupils@oldham.gov.uk.

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