

To the parents / carers of children at
Yateley Infant School and St Peter's
CEVA Junior School

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Dear Parent

Yateley Infant School and St Peter's CEVA Junior School

We are writing to keep you up to date following last term's consultations on the proposal to amalgamate Yateley Infant School and St Peter's CEVA Junior School.

We must stress that no decisions have yet been made. The local authority continues to consider the proposal with both schools, the Winchester CE Diocese and Hart District Council.

There were 195 responses to the consultations, of which 173 (89%) were in favour of the proposal. Eighty one replies preferred the St Peter's site; 54 were in favour of the Yateley Infant site. As far as the preferred status of the new school is concerned, there were 38 in favour of voluntary aided status, 40 in favour of voluntary controlled and 35 supporting community. Some respondents expressed no preference for site or status.

If the proposal to establish a primary school is approved, it is planned to release some of the surplus land to reinvest in the remodelling of one of the existing school buildings. County Council officers are engaged in detailed discussions with planning officers in Hart Borough Council. The school sites lie close to a special protection area which means that additional factors need to be taken into account when considering planning issues.

Before any decision is made, the County Council is required to carry out a second phase of consultations, this time on a single specific proposal. The consultation period must last for a minimum of six weeks and we hope to be able to carry this out during the summer term. The consultation documentation will contain full details of what is proposed and the reasons for choosing the favoured option.

We appreciate that parents may find this period of uncertainty somewhat frustrating but, as was explained during the earlier consultations, there are very detailed statutory requirements which determine how consultations and decisions must be made.

Director of Children's Services
John Coughlan

We hope this letter has been helpful. We will continue to keep you informed of progress towards a final decision.

Yours sincerely



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Copy: Governors and members of staff at Yateley Infant School
Pre-school staff and parents at Yateley Infant School
Parents of the September 2008 intake to Yateley Infant School
Governors and members of staff at St Peter's CEVA Junior School
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