

CHESHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL, COUNTY HALL, CHESTER: PROPOSAL TO
DISCONTINUE CHURCH LAWTON PRIMARY SCHOOL, CHESHIRE

Notice is given in accordance with section 15(1) of the Education and Inspections Act 2006 that CHESHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL, COUNTY HALL, CHESTER CH1 1SQ intends to discontinue Church Lawton Primary School, Cherry Tree Avenue, Church Lawton, Stoke-on-Trent ST7 3EL on 31 August 2009.

Parents of pupils attending Church Lawton Primary School at the time of closure will be offered places at other local schools, in accordance with parents' preferences, subject to the availability of places and with a right of appeal should it not be possible to meet any parent's preference(s). These schools include: Alsager Highfields Community Primary School, Fairview Avenue, Alsager, Stoke-on-Trent ST7 2NW; Cranberry Primary School, Cranberry Lane, Alsager, Stoke-on-Trent ST7 2LE; Excalibur Primary School, Ivy Lane, Alsager, Stoke-on-Trent ST7 2RQ; Pikemere School, Pikemere Road, Alsager, Stoke-on-Trent ST7 2SW; Rode Heath Primary School, Heath Avenue, Rode Heath, Stoke-on-Trent ST7 3RY; Scholar Green Primary School, Congleton Road, Scholar Green, Stoke-on-Trent ST7 3HF.

The standard, quality and range of educational provision for children with Special Educational Needs will be improved. Children with Statements of Educational Need or additional support will have this support maintained, and they and other children will have access to an improved range of learning opportunities in more sustainable educational settings.

It is anticipated that the great majority of pupils displaced as a result of the closure of Church Lawton Primary School will live within statutory walking distance of their new school(s). However, applications for school transport to alternative schools will be considered on the basis of the Local Authority's published School Transport Policy, which is available on request from County Hall, Chester and published in the Local Authority's Guide for Parents and Carers and on the County Council's School Transport website at www.cheshire.gov.uk/transport/School+Transport. The proposed closure is not expected to lead to any significant increase in the current level of car use.

Formal statutory consultations were held with staff, governors, parents and interested members of the community on 9th December 2009, and with other statutory consultees, in accordance with the relevant DCSF guidance.

In the opinion of the County Council, the proposals are not related to any other proposals which have been, or are about to be published.

This Notice is an extract from the complete proposal. Copies of the complete proposal can be obtained from: Transforming Learning Communities Team, Cheshire County Council, Children's Services, Room 417, County Hall, Chester, CH1 1SQ, and on the County Council's website at www.cheshire.gov.uk.

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 the County Solicitor, County Hall, Chester, CH1 1SF.

Signed: G L Budd, County Solicitor

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Explanatory Notes

1. It is proposed that playing fields at the Church Lawton Primary School site will cease to be used as such, although no proposals have been formulated at present for alternative use of the premises and site;
2. Cheshire County Council will be replaced by Cheshire East Council on 1 April 2009. The new authority will receive all the responses sent to the above address and will take over the role of Cheshire County Council in this process by operation of law. Arrangements

have been made to ensure that mail to the County Solicitor will be collected and passed to Cheshire East Council. Likewise, requests for the proposal to the Transforming Learning Communities Team will still be administered from the address given.