



Primary Consultation Update No 4

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On 1 January 2014, Oakwood Infant School and Oakwood Junior School will become



Oakwood Primary School

The cabinet of Southampton City Council agreed the merger of the two schools (and several other mergers across the city) at their meeting of 18 June 2013, and this has been publicly reported. However, as all decisions are subject to a five-day call-in period, we can only notify you officially now.

The official notice from the City Council

At the Cabinet meeting on 18 June 2013, cabinet approved the proposal to merge Oakwood Infant and Junior Schools to form an all through primary school from 1 January 2014. The five day call in period (during which the Overview and Scrutiny Committee can consider and make recommendations to the decision-maker about whether or not to proceed with or amend the decision) has passed without comment so the proposal can now be implemented.

School staff, governing body members and Local Authority staff will continue to work together on this to ensure that the transition process is as smooth as possible.

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Thank you!

Thank you for your support during the consultation process.

The City Council and Governors were pleased with attendance at the public meetings and the responses received during the consultations.

What will happen in the autumn term?

The two schools will stay as two legally separate organisations during the autumn term.

The experience for your children will be much as it is now - our aim will be that everything is as normal for children as possible.

The entrances and exits to the buildings won't change, the staff you and your children are used to won't change and the curriculum won't change either.

Ian Taylor will be Acting Headteacher of the infant school for the autumn term, with Claire Beckett and Becky Vanes as Assistant Headteachers.

We will be working to bring together systems, policies, procedures and contracts.

What will change on 1 January 2014?

There will be no big changes for children on 1 January 2014.

Classes, including the staff your children work with, which rooms they are taught in, start and finish times and the playgrounds they play on will remain the same.

Behind the scenes, the legal processes to create the primary school, rename it and establish an integrated governing body will take place. You'll see the new logo and name more often, including on new signage.

Our pupil and staff databases will merge, and we'll make sure you get all the data protection information surrounding this and give you the opportunity to update your information.

The leadership of the new school will be:

Headteacher: Ian Taylor

Deputy Headteacher: Maria Whitmarsh

Assistant Headteachers: Becky Vanes and Claire Beckett

And beyond?

The start of the first academic year as a Primary School will be 1 September 2014.

A new National Curriculum means we have a chance to create a new Oakwood Curriculum right through from Year R to Year 6.

We want children to have the opportunity to work together more often and we want staff to share good practice right across the new school. We'll let you and your children know about any changes we make well in advance.

Our aim:

To be the best local school serving a great community!

We look forward to your support!