

Appendix 1 – West Wight School Place Planning Update January 2020

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PUBLIC NOTICE

CLOSURE OF ALL SAINTS' CHURCH OF ENGLAND PRIMARY SCHOOL, FRESHWATER, ISLE OF WIGHT

1. **Notice is given** in accordance with S15 of the Education and Inspections Act 2006 and the School Organisation (Establishment and Discontinuance of Schools) Regulations 2013 that the Isle of Wight Council, County Hall, High St, Newport PO30 1UD Intends to discontinue All Saints' Church of England Primary School, 79 School Green Rd, Freshwater PO40 9AX (category of school – Controlled Church of England) from 31 August 2020.
2. All Saints' CE Primary currently provides education for pupils between the ages of 4-11 and has a capacity of 210 places and a current number on roll of 74.
3. The closure of All Saints' CE Primary School is being proposed due to a significant decline in pupil numbers at the school and significant surplus school places within the West Wight School Place Planning area.
4. Parental preference for All Saints' CE Primary School has significantly reduced over the past five years with only 12 Reception Year pupils starting in September 2019. The financial impact of reducing numbers also means the school has been faced with a substantial deficit budget since the beginning of the 2019 financial year.
5. In the event that a decision is taken to close All Saints' from 31 August 2020, the local authority will fully support parents to ensure that all current pupils are provided with a suitable alternative school place. Preference will be met wherever possible, depending on availability of places. Parents also have the right of appeal to an independent appeal panel against any decision to refuse their child a place at a particular school.
6. This Notice is formed from the complete proposal which contains reasons for the decision. Copies of the complete proposal can be obtained from Richard Vaughan, Deputy Head of Strategic Development, Children's Services Department, The Castle, Winchester, Hampshire SO23 8UG (email: strategicplanningunit@hants.gov.uk).
7. Before 29 November 2019, any person may object to or make comments on the proposals by sending them to Richard Vaughan, Strategic Development Office, Children's Services Department, The Castle, Winchester, Hampshire SO23 8UG (email: strategicplanningunit@hants.gov.uk)

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