

Bewley Infant School and Bewley Junior School

Notice is given in accordance with sections 10(1) and 15(1) of the Education and Inspections Act 2006 that Stockton-on-Tees Borough Council, Municipal Buildings, Church Road, Stockton-on-Tees TS18 1XE intends:

1. to discontinue Bewley Infant School, Low Grange Avenue, Billingham, Stockton-on-Tees TS23 3LH and Bewley Junior School, Wolviston Back Lane, Billingham, Stockton-on-Tees TS23 3LR on 31 August 2011, and
2. to establish a new community primary school to open on 1 September 2011. The consent of the Secretary of State has been obtained in order to publish this proposal.

The new school will be situated on the combined sites of the present Bewley Infant School and Bewley Junior School at Low Grange Avenue-Wolviston Back Lane, Billingham, Stockton-on-Tees TS23 3LH. The school will serve the community of Billingham.

The new school will cater for pupils between the ages of 3 and 11 and provide places for 420 boys and girls. In addition, a further 39 full time equivalent places will be provided for nursery pupils. Sufficient places will be available at the primary school to accommodate all pupils attending Bewley Infant School and Bewley Junior School. The primary school will adopt the ethos of the present infant and junior schools. These are caring schools where pupils' personal development contributes significantly to their good achievement and above average standards. Provision for pupils with special educational needs will remain unchanged.

The admission number for the school on the opening date will be 60.

The admission authority for the school will be Stockton-on-Tees Local Authority. The Authority will apply its agreed admission arrangements which apply to all community schools. The admission policy may be downloaded from the Council website: www.stockton.gov.uk. Where the number of applications exceeds the number of places available, the following oversubscription criteria will be applied:

1. pupils who are in the care of the local authority
2. pupils who need specialist provision due to their complex needs
3. pupils who have a brother or sister at the school when the pupil begins, where the parent had requested a place at the admission zone school for the older sibling but the local authority was unable to offer a place to the older sibling at that school
4. pupils who are permanently resident within the admission zone who have returned a school admission form by the due date
5. pupils who have a brother or sister living at the same address and are still at the school when the pupil begins
6. pupils who have social or medical reasons for being admitted to the school
7. pupils who attend the nursery of the school they wish to attend on a full-time basis
8. pupils who live closest to the school measured in a straight line.

The present admission zone of the infant and junior schools will form the admission zone of the primary school. Parents may choose to apply for places at any other school.

As the school will be situated on the site of the existing infant and junior schools, no new transport arrangements will be necessary. The great majority of pupils will live within walking distance of the school.

This Notice is an extract from the complete proposal. Copies of the complete proposal can be obtained from: Children, Education and Social Care, Stockton-on-Tees Borough Council, Municipal Buildings, Church Road, Stockton-on-Tees TS18 1XE. The proposal may also be viewed at www.stockton.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 Corporate Director CESC, Stockton-on-Tees Borough Council, Municipal Buildings, Church Road, Stockton-on-Tees TS18 1XE.

Signed: Jane Humphreys, Corporate Director

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