



HERTFORDSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

The closure of Collenswood and expansion of Barnwell Schools in Stevenage

Notice is hereby given in accordance with the School Standards and Framework Act 1998 ("The Act"), that Hertfordshire County Council intend to make the following change(s):

In accordance with section 29(1) of the Act to discontinue Collenswood School, Collenswood Road, Stevenage, Hertfordshire, SG2 9HQ with effect from 31 August 2006.

The County Council's linked proposal is that Barnwell School should be expanded to take all the existing Collenswood pupils and those who will be allocated a place there for September 2006. Barnwell School would continue to use the Collenswood site and the Collenswood pupils would continue to use it, at least for the first few years, until some mixing is possible.

If transferring to a new school or site results in a pupil having to travel more than three miles from home in each direction, the County Council would provide free transport. Any Collenswood pupil currently in receipt of free transport would continue to receive it while they remain on the Collenswood site.

In accordance with section 28(1) of the Act to make a prescribed alteration to Barnwell School, Barnwell, Stevenage, Hertfordshire, SG2 9SW by: (i) an enlargement of the premises of the school by incorporating the premises at the present site of Collenswood School and (ii) an increase of 27 or more to the admission number, both changes to take effect from 01 September 2006.

The current admission number of Barnwell School is 161.

The current number of pupils at Barnwell School is 916. The proposed capacity of Barnwell School after the alteration will be 1890, which is the combined capacity of the Barnwell (873) and Collenswood School (1017) sites.

The number of pupils to be admitted to the school at age 11 from 01 September 2006 and subsequent years will be 240.

Barnwell School is a successful, oversubscribed school which has recently had a good Ofsted inspection. It is also near enough to Collenswood for the management of Barnwell School to be able to manage the Collenswood site as well as the Barnwell one. The headteacher and governing body of Barnwell School are very supportive of the County Council's proposal and would do all that they can to make it a success.

Within one month after the date of publication of these proposals, any person may object to or make comments on the proposals by sending the representations to:

John Harris, Director, Children, Schools & Families, Hertfordshire County Council, County Hall, Pegs Lane, Hertford, Herts, SG13 8DF.

Within two weeks after the end of the representation period, the LEA will send to the School Organisation Committee for the area copies of all representations made (and not withdrawn in writing) within the representation period, together with the Authority's observations on them.

23 February 2006

John Harris
Director
Children, Schools and Families

Explanatory notes

- (1) The proposal to close Collenswood and expand Barnwell Schools in Stevenage was the subject of a public consultation which ended on 31 January 2006.
- (2) The County Council's Cabinet approved on 21 February 2006, the publication of this notice in response to the outcome of this consultation.
- (3) If you wish to speak to someone about this proposal, please contact Lindsay Martin, Children, Schools and Families on 01992 556718.