

HERTFORDSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

REPORT OF THE EDUCATION COMMITTEE 13 OCTOBER 1999

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THE FUTURE OF OXHEY NURSERY SCHOOL

At present Oxhey Nursery School is on two sites at Eastbury Road and Oaklands Avenue, which provide nursery education for children who go on to four primary schools that do not have nursery classes: Bromet, Oxhey Infants, St Meryl and Sacred Heart, and one school, Eastbury Farm, which already has a one session nursery class. Proposals were put forward by the Headteacher and Governors of Oxhey Nursery School to consolidate the School on one of its sites, preferably Oaklands Avenue, creating an Early Years Centre that would also offer daycare and other early years services.

The Oaklands Avenue site is much larger than the Eastbury Road site and should allow for the provision of a full range of early years facilities to meet the perceived local need of day care and would enable children aged 0-4+ to be accommodated on one site.

The four primary schools that do not have nursery classes could be considered for such a class. The schools have said they would like a nursery; and, within the funds likely to be available from the sale of the second nursery school site, it may be possible to fund at least one nursery class.

The Committee agreed to authorise the Director of Education to enter into consultation about the possible consolidation of Oxhey Nursery School on one site as an Early Years Centre, with Oaklands Avenue as the preferred site, and the possible creation of a nursery class or classes at one or more of the schools in the area.

The outcome of these consultations will be reported back to the Education Committee on 22 March 2000.

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