

WIRRAL BOROUGH COUNCIL

EDUCATION AND INSPECTIONS ACT 2006

PROPOSAL TO CLOSE PENSBY INFANT SCHOOL AND PENSBY JUNIOR SCHOOL AND TO ESTABLISH A NEW COMMUNITY PRIMARY SCHOOL

Part 1

Notice is given in accordance with section 15(1) of the Education and Inspections Act 2006 that Wirral Borough Council as the local education authority ("The Authority"), Town Hall, Brighton Street, Wallasey, Wirral, CH44 8ED intends to make the following changes:

- To discontinue Pensby Infant School, Kentmere Drive, Pensby, Wirral, CH61 5XW
- To discontinue Pensby Junior School, Greenbank Drive, Pensby Wirral, CH61 5UE
- To implement these proposals from 31st August 2008.

All statutory consultation requirements relating to these proposals have been complied with.

It is proposed that pupils on roll at either Pensby Infant School or Pensby Junior School at 31st August 2008 will transfer to the newly established Primary school on the same site on the 1st September 2008. Pupils may transfer to any local primary school, subject to the availability of places and the admission arrangements published in the Authority's information booklets for parents. Parents of pupils who are due to be admitted to Foundation 2 in 2008, and who have already completed a parental preference form for Pensby Infant School and those due to be admitted to Year 3 at Pensby Junior School, will automatically be considered as a preference for the new Primary school at the former Infant/Junior site. These parents will also be given an opportunity to complete a new parental preference form if they wish to be considered for an alternative school.

There will be no increase in car transport as a result of this proposal as the new school will occupy the same site as the former Infant and Junior schools.

Part 2

Notice is given that Wirral Borough Council, Town Hall, Brighton Street, Wallasey, Wirral, CH44 8ED as the local education authority ("The Authority") intends to **Establish a New Community School** under section 10(1) of the Education and Inspections Act 2006. The Secretary of State's consent has been obtained in order to publish this proposal.

It is proposed that the school will open on 1st September 2008.

The school will be situated at the former Pensby Infant and Pensby Junior School site, Kentmere Drive, Pensby, Wirral, CH61 5XW. The school will serve the Pensby area.

The ethos of the school and educational philosophy will be determined by the Governing body of the school.

This school will maintain before and after school club extended school provision.

The new school will cater for pupils between the ages of 4 and 11 and provide places for 240 boys and girls. In addition, a further 52 full time equivalent places will be provided for nursery pupils.

The admission number for the school on the opening date will be 30.

The admissions authority of the proposed school will be the Local Authority. The admission arrangements and over-subscription criteria are published in the Authority's information booklets for parents.

There are no special arrangements for transport to the new school. Applications for school transport to alternative schools will be considered on the basis of the Authority's published school transport policy.

The complete proposal can be downloaded or viewed on-line at www.wirral-abc.gov.uk/primaryplaces/pensby.asp or a paper or CD-ROM copy can be requested by calling 0151 666 4351 during office hours, or by writing to the address below.

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 Howard Cooper, Director of Children's Services, Hamilton Building, Conway Street, Birkenhead, CH41 4FD.

Signed :



Dated this 17th day of October 2007

EXPLANATORY NOTES

- 1) The purpose of this notice is to amalgamate Pensby Infant School and Pensby Junior in order to establish a new community primary school at the Infant/Junior site. Places will be provided for children who attend Pensby Infant School and Pensby Junior School at the new school.
- 2) The shared catchment zone of Pensby Infant and Pensby Junior School will be combined with that of Pensby Park Primary School to form a single catchment zone for the Pensby area. A map showing the proposed catchment zone is available to view at Pensby Park Primary School, Pensby Infant School, Pensby Junior School and on-line at:

www.wirral-abc.gov.uk/primaryplaces/pensby.asp
- 3) The Authority's information booklets for parents are available on request from the Children and Young People's Department by calling 0151 606 2000 during office hours, or on-line at:

www.wirral-abc.gov.uk/admissions/primarybook.pdf
- 4) These three proposals are linked.