



## WIRRAL COUNCIL

### DIOCESE OF SHREWSBURY EDUCATION SERVICE

### CHESTER DIOCESAN BOARD OF EDUCATION

### EDUCATION AND INSPECTIONS ACT 2006

## PROPOSAL TO CLOSE OUR LADY OF LOURDES CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL AND TO ESTABLISH A NEW JOINT FAITH AIDED PRIMARY SCHOOL

### Part 1

Notice is given in accordance with section 15(1) of the Education and Inspections Act 2006 that Wirral Council as the local authority ("the Authority"), Town Hall, Brighton Street, Wallasey, Wirral, CH44 8ED intends to **discontinue Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Primary School**, Gardenside, Moreton, Wirral, CH46 2RP on 31st August 2010.

It is proposed that pupils on roll at Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Primary School at 31st August 2010 will transfer to the newly established Joint Faith Voluntary Aided school, Gardenside, Moreton, Wirral, CH46 2RP on 1st September 2010. Pupils may transfer to any local primary school, subject to 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 2010, and who have already completed a parental preference form for Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Primary School will automatically be considered as a preference for the new Joint Faith Aided School at Gardenside, Moreton, Wirral, CH46 2RP. These parents will also be given an opportunity to complete a new parental preference form.

The new Joint Faith Aided School will occupy the same premises as the school it replaces and will not cause any increase in car use.

### Part 2

Notice is given that Diocese of Shrewsbury Education Service, Curial Offices, 2 Park Road South, Prenton, CH43 4UX and Chester Diocesan Board of Education, Church House, Lower Lane, Aldford, Chester, CH3 6HP intend to **Establish a New Voluntary Aided School** under section 10(2) 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 2010. Current children and siblings attending Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Primary School will be automatically admitted from 1st September 2010 if they choose to be.

The school will be situated at the former premises of Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Primary School, Gardenside, Moreton, Wirral, CH46 2RP. The school will serve the Leasowe and Wallasey areas, specifically the Catholic Parishes of Our Lady of Lourdes and English Martyrs and the Anglican Parishes in Leasowe, Liscard, New Brighton, Poulton, Seacombe and Wallasey.

The school will be fully Roman Catholic and fully Church of England. It will emphasise for pupils the traditions of both Churches and what they hold in common including respect for other Faiths.

The proposed school will have a Church of England and Roman Catholic religious character and it is confirmed that the proposers intend to ask the Secretary of State to designate the school as a school with such a religious character.

The new school will cater for pupils between the ages of 3 and 11 and provide places for 175 boys and girls. In addition, a further 26 full time equivalent places will be provided for nursery pupils.

The admission number for the school on the opening date will be 25.

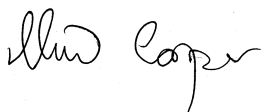
The proposed admission arrangements and over-subscription criteria will be published in the Wirral Council booklet for parents. After the legal commitment to children in public care, priority will be given to baptised members of the Roman Catholic Church and the Church of England on a 60:40 ratio from within the designated Roman Catholic parishes of Our Lady of Lourdes and English Martyrs and the Anglican Parishes in Leasowe, Liscard, New Brighton, Poulton, Seacombe and Wallasey.

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.

This Notice is an extract from the complete proposal. The complete proposal can be downloaded or viewed on-line at [www.wirral-abc.gov.uk/PrimaryPlaces/Leasowe.asp](http://www.wirral-abc.gov.uk/PrimaryPlaces/Leasowe.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 these proposals, any person may object to or make comments on the proposals by sending them to Howard Cooper, Director of Children's Services, Hamilton Building, Conway Street, Birkenhead, CH41 4FD.

Signed:



Dated this day: 24<sup>th</sup> February 2010

### EXPLANATORY NOTES

1) The purpose of this notice is to close Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Primary School in order to establish a new Joint Faith Aided primary school at the Our Lady of Lourdes site. Places will be provided for all children who attend Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Primary School at the new school.

2) The new school will serve the Catholic parishes in Leasowe (Our Lady of Lourdes) and Wallasey (English Martyrs), and the Anglican parishes in Leasowe (St Chad), Wallasey (St Nicholas and St Hilary), New Brighton (St James and All Saints), Liscard (The Resurrection), Poulton (St Luke) and Seacombe (St Paul).

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/cover.asp](http://www.wirral-abc.gov.uk/admissions/cover.asp)

4) The two proposals are linked.