

**FORMAL JOINT CONSULTATION TO AMALGAMATE
MALPAS CHURCH IN WALES INFANT SCHOOL AND
MALPAS CHURCH IN WALES JUNIOR SCHOOL
(Everyday Summary – Children & Young People - Version)**

This is a joint proposal put forward by the Governing Body of Malpas Church in Wales Junior School together with Newport City Council to enable a new all-through 4-11 primary school to be established on the existing school site from September 2017.

It is the Council's policy to amalgamate all separate Infant and Junior schools in Newport as and when the circumstances arise. Those circumstances have now arisen as the Headteacher of the Infant School resigned from her post with effect from 31st December 2015 and the post is currently vacant. The substantive Deputy Headteacher is currently undertaking the role of Acting Headteacher.

How do I get involved?

Two consultation drop-in sessions have been arranged. You are welcome to attend either of these sessions and meet council officers face-to-face to discuss the proposal.

Location	Date & Time	Session
Committee Room 4, Civic Centre, Newport, NP20 4UR	Monday 5 th December 2016 3.30pm – 5.00pm	Drop-in event
Committee Room 1, Civic Centre, Newport, NP20 4UR	Thursday 8 th December 2016 9.00am – 10.30am	Drop-in event

The formal consultation period runs from Tuesday 29th November 2016 and will end at midnight on Sunday 15th January 2017.

Comments and questions can be submitted using the attached response pro-forma. This pro-forma will also be available at the drop-in sessions or can be downloaded from www.newport.gov.uk/schoolreorg

These responses should be returned to the Education Service Development Manager, Room 425w, Newport City Council, Civic Centre, Newport NP20 4UR. Alternatively comments and completed pro-formas can be returned by email to school.reorg@newport.gov.uk

How will this happen and what will be provided?

The Governing Body of Malpas Church in Wales Junior School proposes to **extend the age-range of Malpas Church in Wales Junior School from 7-11 to 4-11** to enable a new all-through 4-11 primary school to be established on the site with effect from September 2017. As a consequence, Newport City Council is proposing that **Malpas Church in Wales Infant School** is discontinued **on 31st August 2017**.

The joint proposal aims to create an all-through 4-11 primary school in place of the separate Infant and Junior schools that currently exist. The published admission number of the amalgamated primary school will be 54, therefore reducing the current overall school capacity, but enabling the two-form entry arrangements to continue. This will negate the current overcrowding issues in the junior building.

No capital works are planned for the site as a result of this proposal, but it is the aspiration of the Council, the Diocese of Monmouth and the two Governing Bodies to include nursery provision at the earliest possible opportunity.

Why do you want to do this?

There is growing evidence that all-through primary schools create more consistency between year groups and key stages in teaching, learning, planning and assessment. There is improved use of teachers' skills, specialist teaching and improved pastoral arrangements, as well as benefits for finance, management and leadership.

When will this happen?

It is proposed that the new amalgamated primary school will open in September 2017. Until this time, the existing management arrangements in place at Malpas Church in Wales Infant School will continue.

Will the school catchment area change?

No, the catchment area will stay the same as it is now.

Will the children already attending the Infant and Junior schools have to re-apply for a place to the new Primary school?

No, children already attending either school will simply transfer to the new Primary School. New admission applications will continue to be dealt with by the Council.

However, there will no longer be a requirement for parents to apply for admission to the Junior Department at the end of Year Two as at present. Children on roll at the school will simply move from Year Two to Year Three with their peer group at the relevant time.

What will happen to the Governing Body?

The Governing Body of the Junior School will be extended to provide governance to the new Primary School. The Governing Body of the Infant School will be disbanded on the closure of the school.

What will happen to the staff?

The Headteacher of the Junior School will become the Headteacher of the new Primary School. The closure of the Infant School will however result in all staff being declared at risk of redundancy. The extended Governing Body will be required to approve a staffing structure for the new primary school, and it is anticipated that recruitment will be ring-fenced to the Infant School staff.

Will there be a new school building?

No, there is no capital work planned for the site at this stage and the new primary school will operate from the current Infant and Junior schools.

How many children will be school be able to take?

Under this proposal, there will be a whole school capacity of 378, and the published admission number of the new primary school will be 54. This will reduce the current overall school capacity, but will enable the two-form entry arrangements to continue. This will negate the current overcrowding issues in the junior building.

What will be the name, logo and uniform of the new school?

The Headteacher and Governing Body of the new Primary School will determine all organisational arrangements, and these will include the school name, logo and uniform.

Information can also be arranged in other community languages if needed. Please contact us on 01633 656656 to arrange.

Consultation Response Pro-forma

Amalgamation of Malpas Church in Wales Infant School and Malpas Church in Wales Junior School

Your views matter. Please tell us what you think about the proposal by completing this questionnaire and returning it to the Education Service Development Manager, Newport City Council, Room 425W, Civic Centre, Newport NP20 4UR. Alternatively you can email your response to school.reorg@newport.gov.uk

The closing date for the submission of responses to this consultation is midnight on 15th January 2017.

Please note that negative responses made to this consultation will not be counted as objections to the proposal, they will be recorded as adverse comments. Objections can only be registered following the publication of a statutory notice.

Do you support the joint proposal by the Governing Body of Malpas Church in Wales Junior School and the Council to amalgamate Malpas Church in Wales Infant School and Malpas Church in Wales Junior School into a single all-through primary school for children aged between 4 and 11 years?

Yes No

Please use the box below to give any reasons or comments (including alternative options).

Please indicate who you are (e.g. parent/carer of a child attending a local nursery)

If you wish to be notified of the publication of the consultation report, please supply your contact details:

e-mail: _____

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