

FORMAL CONSULTATION TO AMALGAMATE MILTON INFANT SCHOOL AND MILTON JUNIOR SCHOOL

(Everyday Summary – Children & Young People - Version)

The Council is proposing to amalgamate Milton Infant School and Milton Junior School into an all-through 3-11 primary school with effect from April 2017, or as soon as possible thereafter. 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 Acting Headteacher of the Junior School recently retired, and since this time the Headteacher of the Infant School has also been the Acting Headteacher of the Junior School.

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
Milton Junior School, Hendre Farm Drive, NP19 9HB	Monday 26 th September 2016 3.00pm – 5.00pm	Drop-in event
Milton Infants School, Hendre Farm Drive, NP19 9HB	Wednesday 28 th September 2016 9.00am – 11.00am	Drop-in event

The formal consultation period runs from Monday 5th September 2016 and will end at midnight on Sunday 16th October 2016.

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?

This consultation proposes extending the age range of Milton Infant School from 3-7 to 3-11, and at the same time closing Milton Junior School, thereby creating a single all-through Primary School for children aged between 3 and 11 years. This will benefit the local community as the new primary school will be able to take more children than the current Infant and Junior schools can accommodate. The new school will have capacity for 630 pupils of statutory school age, plus 128 nursery age pupils taught over the morning and afternoon sessions.

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 April 2017, or as soon as possible thereafter. Until this time, the existing management arrangements in place at Milton Junior School will continue.

Questions and Answers

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?

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

What will happen to the staff?

The Headteacher of the Infant School will become the Headteacher of the new Primary School. The closure of the Junior 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 Junior 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.

Will the new school be able to take more or less children than the two current schools?

Yes, the new primary school will be able to take a maximum of 90 children per year group, plus 128 nursery children taught over the two morning and afternoon sessions.

What will the school uniform be?

The Headteacher and Governing Body of the new Primary School will determine the school uniform policy. However it is likely that the uniform currently worn in both schools will be applied across the whole of the new primary school.

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 Milton Infant School and Milton 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 16th October 2016.

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 proposal to amalgamate Milton Infant and Junior Schools into a single all-through Primary School?

Yes

No

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

Please indicate who you are (e.g. pupil, 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: _____

Postal address: _____
