



Report to: Children and Young People's Services Panel
Date: 19th July 2007
Subject: Primary Provision on the Higher Folds Estate
Report of: Director of Children and Young People's Services
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Purpose/summary: To inform Panel of arrangements being progressed between the two primary schools on the Higher Folds estate.

Alternative options considered and reason for selecting the one recommended: N/A

Recommendation/decision: That:
the Director of Children and Young People's Services continue to work with the Governing Bodies of Higher Folds Community Primary School and St. Gabriel's Catholic Primary School and report to Panel and Cabinet on the outcome of the temporary arrangements during the summer term 2008.

Implications:

Financial:	}	No direct consequences as a result of This report
Staffing:		
Policy:		None
Equal Opportunities - Has a Diversity Impact Assessment been conducted?		Yes
Wards affected:		Bedford-Astley
Special Interest Members – Which have been consulted		No

Tracking/Process:

	Consultation	Ward Members	Partners
Panel	Overview & Scrutiny	Cabinet	Council
19.07.07			

There are no Background Papers to this Report within the meaning of Section 100D of the Local Government Act 1972:

Proper Officer



Date

5th July 2007

1. Background

The Higher Folds estate is a geographically isolated area served by two small primary schools, Higher Folds Community Primary School and St. Gabriel's Catholic Primary School.

Numbers at the two schools are given in the table below.

	N	R	Yr 1	Yr 2	Yr 3	Yr 4	Yr 5	Yr 6	Total without Nursery
Higher Folds	19	14	14	13	13	18	12	18	101
St. Gabriel's		12	22	14	13	12	14	13	100
Total	19	26	36	27	26	30	26	31	201

- 1.2 The Headteacher and deputy Headteacher of Higher Folds Community Primary School have resigned.

2. Proposals

The Governors of Higher Folds and of St. Gabriel's have jointly discussed their concerns about low numbers of children on the estate and have agreed to the temporary arrangements list below for the 2007/08 academic year.

- The vacant Headteacher post at Higher Folds not be filled.
- The vacant deputy Headteacher post at Higher Folds be filled (possibly on a temporary contract).
- The existing Headteacher of St. Gabriel's be appointed as a temporary executive Headteacher to cover both schools
- The project be reviewed in the Spring and Summer terms 2008.

3. Recommendation

That:

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