

Statutory proposals in relation to the proposed closure of Shevington Community Primary School

Notice is given in accordance with section 15 of the Education and Inspections Act 2006 (as amended by the Education Act 2011) and The School Organisation (Establishment and Discontinuance of schools) Regulations 2013 that Wigan Council intends to discontinue the following maintained community school with effect from 27 October 2017:

Shevington Community Primary School
Miles Lane
Shevington
Wigan
WN6 8EW

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Contact details

Wigan Council, People Directorate: Children and Families, School Organisation Team, PO BOX 100, WN1 3DS or by email to wsf@wigan.gov.uk or by telephone on 01942 486035

Implementation

Shevington Vale Primary School is being enlarged so that it can accommodate the displaced children from Shevington Community Primary School. The building work will be complete by the start of the autumn term in September 2017. The children at Shevington Community Primary School will begin their carefully managed transition to Shevington Vale Community Primary School with the transition process being complete by 27 October 2017. Priority for transition will be for those children who will be in Year 6 and starting in reception class in September 2017.

Reason for closure

The reason for closure is that following a number of years of falling rolls in the Shevington area and this is projected to continue, there will not be sufficient funds available in the school budget to keep it economically viable and provide quality education for the children.

Pupil numbers

Shevington Community Primary School currently has 89 pupils on roll and caters for children aged 4-11 years. Current pupil numbers on roll are as follows:

Year group	Reception	Y1	Y2	Y3	Y4	Y5	Y6
Number of pupils on roll	8	8	17	11	12	14	19

Admissions

Parents who express a preference for a place at Shevington Community Primary School for the reception intake in September 2017 or for a place in year will be advised:

- Their application will be considered and a place allocated in line with the oversubscription criteria for the school if there are more applications than places available
- Should the proposal to close the school be determined by Cabinet, children will have an offer of a place at Shevington Vale Community Primary School.
- Transition to Shevington Vale Community Primary School will be managed as detailed above.

Displaced pupils

Pupils who attend Shevington Community Primary School at the point of closure are guaranteed a place at Shevington Vale Community Primary School.

There are currently 137 children on roll at Shevington Vale Community Primary as follows:

Year group	Reception	Y1	Y2	Y3	Y4	Y5	Y6
Number of pupils on roll	23	22	23	9	15	18	27

Shevington Vale Community Primary School is being enlarged to accommodate displaced pupils. The school will manage the pupil numbers, so that the infant classes do not exceed the infant class size rule of one teacher for every 30 children. Class sizes in the juniors will where possible be limited to 30 children per class.

Any children who have special educational needs and attend either school will have full support in the transition process relevant to their needs. The Shevington Vale Primary School will have the relevant educational provision to support any child with special educational needs.

Impact on the community

The Children's Centre currently located on the Shevington Community Primary School site will be unaffected by the closure of the school.

Children who currently access early years provision and / or wrap around care will be able to access provision at the provision available at the Shevington Vale Community School site or alternative provision available in the area. There is sufficient provision in the area to meet demand.

Travel

The distance between Shevington Community Primary School and Shevington Vale Community Primary Schools is 1.1 miles measured by walking route.

Parents of children who live more than 2 walking miles from home to the Shevington Vale Community School site will be able to apply for assistance with home to school transport. This is set out in the home to school transport policy available at <https://www.wigan.gov.uk/Resident/Education/Home-to-school-travel/Home-to-school-travel.aspx> .

Pedestrian access and road safety on the route between the Shevington Community Primary School and Shevington Vale Community School sites will be assessed. Any remedial measures required to improve the route so that it is suitable and safe will be identified and addressed. The school in conjunction with the local authority can explore the use of walking buses. There are also opportunities to develop the Shevington Vale Community School site for the provision of facilities for cycling. These measures will help mitigate an increase in car usage.

Within four weeks from the date of publication of these proposals any person may object to or make comments on the proposal by sending their representations to Wigan Council, People Directorate: Children and Families, School Organisation Team, PO BOX 100, WN1 3DS or by email to wsf@wigan.gov.uk

The closing date for comments is 5pm Thursday 8th December 2016.

Signed: James Winterbottom, Director for Children's Services

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Explanatory note:

Wigan Council will determine the statutory notice within 2 months of the end of the representation period. If the Council fail to determine the notice within this time, it will pass all relevant material to the Schools' Adjudicator who will determine the notice.