

# Special Schools Transformation Update

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- The Office of the School Adjudicator made their determination on 28<sup>th</sup> May, supporting the proposals we had put forward. This means that on 31<sup>st</sup> August Larkrise, Rowdeford and St Nicholas will technically close as 3 separate schools, and on 1<sup>st</sup> September 2020 a new single school will be created based across the 3 existing sites.
- The Shadow Governing Board will now be formed to prepare for the new single school. A Terms of Reference has been produced and the 3 schools' governing boards are nominating members to the Board to deliver important next steps including:
  - Preparing for the Full Governing Board (Instrument of Government)
  - Recruiting to the Executive Head role – interim and permanent
- We will shortly be announcing who our main contractor is who will be working with the Council, young people, parents, carers, staff and governors to design and build the new school.
- We are committed to keeping people informed and engaged on the programme and have launched a fortnightly governors' update. We also have a full newsletter covering all our transformation work for special schools being sent out every other month.
- Working closely with colleagues in Education to take forward work on our System of Excellence to deliver an even stronger and inclusion-focused offer across both special schools and mainstream for children with SEND. Linking with Free School in the south of Wiltshire and SEND capital grant investment in resource base and special school provision.