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**CS-003-11 - RESULTS OF THE CONSULTATION ON THE PROPOSAL  
TO CLOSE GRAFTON CHURCH OF ENGLAND PRIMARY SCHOOL**

**Purpose of Report**

This report sets out the background to, and results of, consultation undertaken between 7 February and 7 March. It recommends that the Local Authority publishes statutory proposals to close the school from 31 August 2011.

**Consultation**

The consultation document was circulated to:

- Parents of current pupils
- Parents of children not yet of school age in the designated area of the school
- Staff
- Governors
- Diocese of Salisbury
- The Local County Councillor
- The Local M.P.
- The County Secretaries of the relevant unions
- Primary Heads Forum
- Heads and Chairs of Governors of nearby primary and secondary schools
- The Parish Council

Further copies have also been made available at the school on the school website, the nearest library, and on the Council website.

**Reason for Decision**

The decline in pupil numbers at the school means that it is not possible to maintain the provision of high quality education at the school.

## DECISION MADE

I approve the decision to:

- (i) publish statutory proposals to close Grafton Church of England Primary School on 31 August 2011;
- (ii) allocate the school's current catchment area to Great Bedwyn Church of England Primary School.

This decision was published on the 13th April 2011 and will take effect from the 21<sup>st</sup> April, 2011.

### **The following supporting documents are attached:**

CS-003-11 - Results of the Consultation on the Proposal to Close grafton primary School - Report

CS-003-11 - Results of the Consultation on the Proposal to Close Grafton Primary School - Appendix 1

CS-003-11 - Results of the Consultation on the Proposal to Close Grafton Primary School - Appendix 2

CS-003-11 - Results of the Consultation on the Proposal to Close Grafton Primary School - Appendix 3

Date: ...13<sup>th</sup> April, 2011.....

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