

## **Proposals to close St Sampson Infant School Cricklade and to expand the age range of St Sampson Junior School Cricklade to the fully primary age range**

1. On 13 March 2014 the Governing Bodies of St Sampson's Infant School and of St Sampson's C.E. Junior School published a statutory Notice setting out linked proposals to close the Infant school and to extend the lower age range of the Junior school to offer provision for children aged 4 years to 11 years i.e. the full primary age range.
2. The closure is proposed by the governing body of St Sampson Infant's School Bath Road Cricklade SN6 6AX. This is a foundation school.
3. The linked proposal to expand the age range proposal is made by the governing body of St Sampson's Church of England Junior School Bath Road Cricklade SN6 6AX. This is a voluntary controlled school.
4. Both schools are maintained by Wiltshire Council.
5. The proposal is for the Infant school to close on 31 August 2014 and the change of age range for the Junior school to be implemented on 1 September 2014.
6. The proposal arises from the Ofsted inspection of the Infant school in June 2013, published in September 2013. The standard of education provided at the Infant school was judged by Ofsted to be inadequate. The Department for Education, Wiltshire Council, the Diocese of Bristol and the governing bodies of the two schools all believe that long-term improvement of education at Foundation Stage and Key Stage 1 will be best sustained by the formation of a primary school i.e. the Junior school will take over responsibility for Years R to 2, as well as Year 3 to 6.
7. No other schools or academies will be affected by this proposal.
8. The Published Admission Number (PAN) for the proposed primary school will be the same as for the Infant school. All places offered for September 2014 for the Infant school will become offers of places for the primary school if the change is approved. The admissions policy will remain that set by Wiltshire Council.
9. No building works are needed to provide teaching spaces as both existing schools have sufficient classroom and other teaching spaces. Wiltshire Council will provide funding to make a larger staffroom, to provide a single reception office and (subject to further feasibility work) to provide a link between the two main buildings. These works will require planning permission.
10. There will be no pupils displaced by these linked proposals.
11. Education will continue to be provided on the same site, in the same buildings and with the same level of services offered.
12. The Infant school is a foundation school as it is part of the North Wiltshire Learning Trust, a non-denominational body. The Junior school is a Church of England voluntary controlled school and therefore the proposed primary school will continue in that category.
13. Both St Sampson's Infant and St Sampson's CE Junior schools are classified by the DfE as rural schools serving "town and fringe areas – less sparse". The closure of the Infant school will be exactly balanced by the expansion of the age range of the Junior school. There will be



Total "yes" = 105 plus letter from Cricklade Town Council

Total "no" = 14

Undecided or both = 2

Total responses: 121 plus letter from Cricklade Town Council

17. Printed copies of this document can be obtained from: School Buildings and Places Team (ref CSS) Wiltshire Council County Hall Trowbridge Wiltshire BA14 8JN.
18. Any person or organisation may object to, or comment on, the proposals by sending their objections or comments to: School Buildings and Places Team (ref CSS) Wiltshire Council County Hall Trowbridge Wiltshire BA14 8JN within 4 weeks of the date of publication of the statutory Notice, namely by 10 April 2014.
19. All objections and comments will be reported to the Wiltshire Council Cabinet Member for Education before a determination is made in relation to these proposals.