



**PROPOSAL TO CHANGE THE AGE RANGE OF SANDHURST INFANT SCHOOL
(related to the Proposal to close Sandhurst Junior School)**

Notice is given in accordance with Section 19 (1) of the Education and Inspections Act 2006 and the School Organisation (Prescribed Alterations to Maintained Schools) (England) Regulations 2013/3110 that Lewisham Council intends to change the age range of Sandhurst Infant School from 3-7 year olds to 3-11 year olds. This proposal is related to the proposal to close Sandhurst Junior School to enable the amalgamation of both schools.

Name, address and contact details of proposer:

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Name, address and category of school:

Sandhurst Infant School, Minard Road, London SE6 1RW

This is a community school.

Description of alteration:

The Council proposes that Sandhurst Infant School's age range should change to accommodate children aged 3-11 from April 2018, to enable the amalgamation of Sandhurst Infant School and Sandhurst Junior School.

The proposal means that as of April 2018 Sandhurst Infant School would cater for pupils aged 3-11, specifically that would include all of Sandhurst Infant's current pupils and those that currently attend Sandhurst Junior School.

The two schools operate on the same site at present and currently share the same head teacher, as such, the implementation of the proposal (and related Junior School proposal) is straight forward.

Evidence of demand:

To amalgamate the two schools in this fashion means that the demand for the 'Junior' age places is already in existence. As of the date of implementation those pupils currently in the Junior School will automatically become part of Sandhurst Infant School.

Objectives:

The objective of the proposal is to amalgamate Sandhurst Infant School and Sandhurst Junior School to create a 3-11 year old Primary School.

The proposal would not have any negative impact on other schools, academies and educational institutions in the area. The proposal would also have a positive impact on teaching and learning within the school as there would be greater opportunity for CPD, training and the issues with 'transition' from Infants to Juniors would disappear.

Additionally, the amalgamated school would be able to realise economies of scale and would be more secure financially as a result.

This proposal forms part of Lewisham Council's response to the statutory obligation to provide sufficient school places.

Implementation and any proposed stages for implementation:

The change in age range proposed would be implemented on 1 April 2018 at which point all pupils from the Junior School would become part of the Infant School.

Effect on other educational institutions in the area:

It is not anticipated that the proposed change in age range of Sandhurst Infant School will have any impact on other educational facilities within the local area. The proposal has been made to improve teaching and learning opportunities for both school cohorts.

Project Costs:

There are no costs associated with this proposal

Commenting on the proposal:

Within four weeks from the date of publication of this proposal (by 12 noon, 9 February 2018), any person may comment on, support, or object to the proposal via the Lewisham Consultation Portal www.lewisham.gov.uk/consultation or in writing to Matt Henaughan, Strategic Service Planning and Business Change, 3rd Floor Laurence House, 1 Catford Road, London SE6 4RU, matt.henaughan@lewisham.gov.uk

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