



29th June 2022

RE: The proposed amalgamation of Alfred Street Junior School and Tennyson Road Infant School

Having received and considered the outcomes of the consultation process, the Steering Group recommends that the amalgamation of Alfred Street Junior School and Tennyson Road Infant School is progressed. It is the view of the Steering Group that this decision will lead to the development of a stronger, sustainable school that will be best placed to meet the needs of children, parents and the wider community into the future.

The Steering Group understands that the process of amalgamation may be unsettling for pupils, parents and staff at the school, and so will work with the Council to actively support everyone engaged in or impacted by the process.

Further key decisions will be required prior to the amalgamation about issues such as the site and governance of the new school. The Steering Group will support and guide the consultation processes around these issues and ensure communication with all stakeholders remains clear and timely.

The recommendations of the Steering Group will be considered at the Council Executive Advisory Panel (EAP) – Education, Skills and Employment meeting on Thursday 30th June at 5pm. Agendas, reports and minutes of meetings will be available using the link below, five clear working days before the meeting:

[Agenda for EAP Education, Skills and Employment on Thursday 30th June, 2022, 5.00 pm - North Northamptonshire Council \(moderngov.co.uk\)](#)

This meeting can be viewed live on YouTube using the following link:

[Democratic Services North Northants Council - YouTube](#)

At the meeting questions will be asked, and recommendations will be made, regarding the merger of the two schools to form one all-through primary school. The legal process for amalgamating two schools is that one of the schools undergoes a technical closure and the other expands its age range. This technical closure will not predetermine the name or the site of the all-through primary school. These decisions and processes will be made at a later date. The admissions process for the all-through primary school will be simplified. Currently parents and carers are required to apply for a place at the Junior school at the end of year 2. In the all-through primary school there will be no necessity to re-apply during the primary years.

Following the Council EAP meeting, a final decision will be made at the Council Executive meeting. This will be held at the Corby Cube on 25th August 2022 at 2:00pm. You are welcome to attend the Council Executive meeting. To make a statement during the meeting please see the information below:

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The Council has approved procedures for Members of the Public to request to address meetings of the Council.

ITEM	NARRATIVE	DEADLINE
Members of the Public Agenda Statements	<p>Members of the Public who live or work in North Northamptonshire council area may make statements in relation to reports on the public part of this agenda.</p> <p>A request to address the Executive must be received 2 clear working days prior to the meeting at democraticservices@northnorthants.gov.uk</p> <p>Each Member of the Public has a maximum of 3 minutes to address the committee.</p>	5.00pm Monday 22 nd August 2022

If you wish to register to speak, please contact the committee administrator on the following email address David.Pope@northnorthants.gov.uk .

After this meeting the Steering Group will communicate the outcome to you and what it means to you as a stakeholder.

Yours sincerely,

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