

18 March 2019

Dear Parents

Proposal to close The Henry Prince CE (C) First School, Mayfield on 31 August 2019

On 12 March 2019 the Governing Body met to discuss the results of the consultation and to collectively decide whether to halt the process or to move on to the publication of statutory notice.

The Governing Body reviewed the three responses received and comments from the parents and local community. After careful consideration the Governors felt they had no choice but to sadly move to the next stage in the consultation process.

The next step is a publication of statutory notice to close the school, which will take place on the 20 March 2019, and will be available on our website from then. This involves a representation period which will allow a further 4 weeks for the receipt of comments and objections by 5.00pm on the 16 April 2019. All correspondence is to be addressed to; Staffordshire County Council, School Organisation Team, Staffordshire Place 1, Tipping Street, Stafford, ST16 2DH or email school.organisation@staffordshire.gov.uk.

After this representation period, any further correspondence will be considered before the closure is reviewed by Staffordshire County Council's Cabinet on 15 May.

We are all saddened by this news, but we need to act in the best interests of the children in the community and their education. Throughout all of this, we have to put their needs first.

I will continue to keep you informed and for any further information please log onto the Henry Prince website (address above).

Yours sincerely

Mrs C Heathcote
Chair of Governors