

School Amalgamations and Federations

As set out below, five of our paired infant & junior Schools have amalgamated since 2009 to become primary schools and six schools have federated.

The Local Authority has taken action to amalgamate in line with Council policy to consider amalgamation of linked infant and junior schools where possible. For all of the amalgamations, management arrangements at the infant or junior schools were changing following the departure of a head teacher. This change therefore provided an opportunity to examine the existing arrangements of organisation at the schools. Further, these schools were suitable for amalgamation due to their size and their shared site.

The benefits seen in the proposal to amalgamate include:

- the present technical barrier which exists at age 7, when pupils are admitted to the junior school would be lifted. Pupils would automatically move from Year 2 to Year 3, if this was their parents' wish;
- an amalgamated school will ensure approaches to teaching, learning and planning the curriculum are consistent and coherent;
- the primary school will be able to rationalise the management structure to ensure the best use of staff across the school. The combined expertise of the staff would be greater than in the two separate schools.
- the primary school will have a combined budget and would benefit from greater flexibility;

School Amalgamations

1. Ripple Infant & Junior Schools - Now Ripple Primary School

Effective Date of Amalgamation - 1 September 2009

2. Cambell Infant & Junior Schools - Now James Cambell Primary School

Effective Date of Amalgamation - 1 January 2012

3. William Bellamy Infant & Junior Schools - Now William Bellamy Primary School

Effective Date of Amalgamation - 1 April 2012

4. Grafton Infant & Junior Schools - Now Grafton Primary School

Effective Date of Amalgamation - 1 April 2012

5. Rush Green Infant & Junior Schools - Now Rush Green Primary School

Effective Date of Amalgamation - 1 April 2013

School Federations

1. Furze Infant School and Warren Junior School (Hard Federation)

Effective Date of Federation – 1 October 2010

2. Leys Primary School and Beam Primary School (Soft Federation)

Effective Date of Federation – March 2012

3. Marks Gate Infant School and Marks Gate Junior School (Hard Federation)

Effective Date of Federation – 17 January 2013

Infant & Junior Schools (not amalgamated/federated)

Dorothy Barley Infant School
Dorothy Barley Junior School

Manor (Infant) School (Sandringham Rd)
Manor School (Longbridge Rd)
Manor Junior School (Sandringham Rd)

Northbury Infant School } Amalgamation proposed for 1 January 2014
Northbury Junior School } Decision to be made at Cabinet on 19 November 2013

Thames View Infant Academy *
Thames View Junior School

Village Infant School

William Ford Church of England Junior School