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Mr H Cooper
Director of Children and Young People's Services
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Dear Mr Cooper

PRIMARY PLACES REVIEW – CLOSURE OF ARROWE HILL PRIMARY SCHOOL

Following the Cabinet's proposal in June 2008 to recommend the closure of Arrowe Hill Primary School, I would like to request that consideration is given to moving the closure forward from August 2010 to August 2009. The request is made with much reluctance but governors, staff and parents are agreed that this would be in the best interests of the children.

We remain deeply disappointed at the decision to close the school. However, governors and staff are resolved and committed to ensuring that, during the academic year 2008/09, the school provides the best possible educational experiences for the children and that they achieve the highest standards of which they are capable.

As we begin this new academic year we have 64 children on the school roll. Our biggest loss of pupils at the end of 2007/08 was from Y2 as parents considered this a particularly critical point in their children's education. We would anticipate a similar situation at the end of this academic year.



Our best estimate of the school roll for 2009/10 is 42 (13 in KS1 and 29 in KS2). The effect on the school budget of such a small number of pupils would be catastrophic. Governors and staff believe that such harsh constraints would make the school financially, organisationally and educationally untenable.

I trust, therefore, that you will give your earnest consideration to bringing the proposed closure date forward.

Yours sincerely

Miss J Grannell
Chair of Governors

cc. David Armstrong
Sally Gibbs