

WIRRAL COUNCIL
EDUCATION AND INSPECTIONS ACT 2006
PROPOSAL TO CEASE TO MAINTAIN PENSBY HIGH SCHOOL FOR BOYS
AND
PROPOSAL TO CHANGE THE GENDER INTAKE AT PENSBY HIGH
SCHOOL FOR GIRLS TO CO-EDUCATIONAL

Notice is given in accordance with section 15(1) of the Education and Inspections Act 2006 that Wirral Council as the local education authority (“the Authority”), Town Hall, Brighton Street, Wallasey, Wirral, CH44 8ED proposes to discontinue Pensby High School for Boys, Irby Road, Pensby, Wirral, CH62 8DE on 31st July 2015. This is linked to a proposal made in accordance with Regulation 5 of the School Organisation (Prescribed Alterations to Maintained Schools) (England) Regulations 2013 to change the gender intake at Pensby High School for Girls, Irby Road, Pensby, Wirral, CH62 8DE to co-educational (mixed sex) from 1st September 2015.

Parents of pupils on roll at Pensby High School for Boys at 1st September 2015 will transfer automatically to the roll of the mixed sex school. Parents at either secondary school involved in the proposals can apply to transfer their child to an alternative Wirral secondary school if they wish to do so by completing a transfer request form and submitting it to Wirral Council. Transfer requests would then be considered by the relevant admission authority. In addition to Wirral secondary schools, there are nearby schools in Cheshire West and Chester Authority that parents may wish to consider. Application to these schools would be made directly to the school concerned.

Pensby High School for Boys and Pensby High School for Girls occupy the same site and the proposals will have no significant effect on the home to school journey.

This Notice is an extract from the complete proposal. Copies of the complete proposal can be obtained from: the Council’s website; or on paper or CD-ROM by writing to the address below.

Within four weeks from the date of publication of this proposal, i.e. by 10th June 2015, any person may object to or make comments on the proposal by sending them to Julia Hassall, Director of Children’s Services, Hamilton Building, Conway Street, Birkenhead, CH41 4FD. Council’s Cabinet is the decision maker on these proposals.

Signed:



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Explanatory Notes

- 1) The purpose of this notice is to notify interested parties of the proposal to amalgamate Pensby High School for Boys and Pensby High School for Girls to form a co-educational (mixed sex) school in Pensby.
- 2) The two Pensby secondary schools have operated as the Pensby High Schools Federation since May 2010, working together under a single governing body and led by a single headteacher. The schools also operated a joint sixth form arrangement for many years prior to the Federation. In September 2014, the Governing body of the Pensby High Schools Federation approached the Council to ask to begin a formal consultation on the amalgamation of the two schools to form a single mixed sex school in Pensby. This consultation took place in January and February 2015. The majority of respondents to the consultation were in support of the proposals.
- 3) The Authority's information booklets for parents are available on request from the Children and Young People's Department by calling 0151 606 2020 during office hours, or on-line at: www.wirral.gov.uk/schooladmissions
- 4) The complete proposal is available on-line at www.wirral.gov.uk/consultations
- 5) The outcome of the four week representation period will be reported to Council's Cabinet, who are the decision makers on the proposal.