



BOURNEMOUTH BOROUGH COUNCIL PROPOSAL TO CLOSE KINGS HIGH SCHOOL TO ENABLE IT TO BE REPLACED BY AN ACADEMY

Notice is given in accordance with section 15(1) of the Education and Inspections Act 2006 that Bournemouth Borough Council, Town Hall, Bourne Avenue, Bournemouth BH2 6DY intends to discontinue Kings High School, Hadow Road, Bournemouth BH10 5AS on 31st August 2010.

Bournemouth Borough Council has complied with all the applicable statutory requirements to consult in relation to the proposed discontinuance. The key objective of the proposal is to raise standards.

It is proposed that pupils currently attending Kings High School will automatically transfer to the proposed new Academy which is planned to open on 1 September 2010. Admission may also be sought to other schools which have places available.

The new Academy will open on the same site as the existing Kings High School so the proposal will not affect car usage. The existing transport policy will apply to all pupils.

This Notice is an extract from the complete proposal. Copies of the complete proposal can be obtained from: Children's and Families Services, Kings High Proposal, Bournemouth Borough Council, Dorset House, 20-22 Christchurch Road, Bournemouth BH1 3NL, Tel: (01202) 454904, e-mail: academy@bournemouth.gov.uk

Within six weeks from the date of publication of this proposal, any person may object to or make comments on the proposal by sending them to The Executive Director, Children's and Families Services, Kings High Proposal, Bournemouth Borough Council, Dorset House, 20-22 Christchurch Road, Bournemouth BH1 3NL.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jane Portman", with a horizontal line underneath.

Jane Portman
Executive Director Children's and Families Services

7 September 2009

Explanatory Notes

Academies are publicly funded independent schools, with sponsors from the private and voluntary sectors. The establishment of an Academy is subject to the agreement of the Secretary of State. It is proposed that the closure of Kings High School should be approved to take effect only if by the date of closure an agreement has been made under section 482(1) of the Education Act 1996 for the establishment of an Academy to replace Kings High School.

Kings High School is currently a National Challenge school. A National Challenge school is one with a record of failing to achieve 30% of its pupils gaining 5A*-C grades or above at GCSE, including English and Mathematics.

The proposal is also linked to the Building Schools for the Future Programme in Bournemouth and Poole. The Building Schools for the Future Programme is a national initiative which aims to bring about transformational change and raise standards. School buildings will be rebuilt or refurbished. The buildings currently on the Kings High School site are intended to be the first in Bournemouth to benefit from the programme. A separate planning application will be made in respect of any proposed building works.