

**Bracknell Forest Council
Record of Decision**

Work Programme Reference	I070590
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1. **TITLE:** Amalgamation of College Town Infant & Nursery and College Town Junior Schools

2. **SERVICE AREA:** Children, Young People and Learning

3. **PURPOSE OF DECISION**

For the Executive Member to agree the consultation to amalgamate College Town Infant & Nursery and College Town Junior Schools into a new Primary School with effect from 1 September 2018.

4. **IS KEY DECISION** Yes

5. **DECISION MADE BY:** Executive Member for Children, Young People & Learning

6. **DECISION:**

That the consultation on the possible amalgamation of College Town Infant & Nursery and Junior Schools should proceed.

7. **REASON FOR DECISION**

If an opportunity is presented to amalgamate Infant and Junior Schools then the Council seeks the views of all stakeholders with the intention of achieving this outcome.

An example would be when the headteacher of one of the schools leaves or retires, as is the situation at College Town Junior School where Jill Ward is retiring after 14 years as headteacher.

If the two schools amalgamate into a primary school there are opportunities for better educational outcomes for children through a consistent approach through the primary phase and other benefits.

The governing bodies of both schools have agreed to support a consultation on amalgamation.

8. **ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED**

Not to progress with amalgamation proposals, meaning that both current schools continue as separate organisations and the possible benefits are not realised.

9. **PRINCIPAL GROUPS CONSULTED:** Parents, children, staff, governors and the wider community.

10. **DOCUMENT CONSIDERED:** Report of the Director of Children, Young People & Learning.

11. **DECLARED CONFLICTS OF INTEREST:** None.

Date Decision Made	Final Day of Call-in Period
30 August 2017	6 September 2017