

## **Overview – Proposed amalgamation of Nevill Road Infant School and Nevill Road Junior School**

The proposal is to amalgamate Nevill Road Infant School and Nevill Road Junior School by closing Nevill Road Junior School and enlarging Nevill Road Infant School to include Key Stage 2 provision.

### **Part 1: Closure of Nevill Road Junior School (DfE number 356/2064)**

Notice is hereby given in accordance with section 15(1) of the Education and Inspections Act 2006 (as amended by the Education Act 2011) and regulation 12 of the School Organisation (Establishment and Discontinuance of Schools) (England) Regulations 2013 that Stockport Metropolitan Borough Council proposes to discontinue the following community junior school with effect from 31 August 2026.

Nevill Road Junior School, Nevill Road, Bramhall, Stockport SK7 3ET – DfE number 356/2064

### **Part 2: Alteration of the upper age limit at Nevill Road Infant School (DfE number 356/2063)**

Notice is hereby given in accordance with section 19(1) of the Education and Inspections Act 2006 (as amended by the Education Act 2011) and the School Organisation (Prescribed Alterations to maintained Schools) (England) Regulations 2013 that Stockport Metropolitan Borough Council proposes to expand the age range at the following community infant school from 2 – 7 to 2 – 11 to create a primary school with nursery provision with effect from 1 September 2026.

Nevill Road Infant School, Nevill Road, Bramhall, Stockport SK7 3ET – DfE number 356/2063

Under section 15 of the Education and Inspections Act 2006, the closure of Nevill Road Junior School is considered necessary on the basis that it is to be amalgamated with another school (Nevill Road Infant School)

The amalgamated primary school's pupil capacity would be 420 and will offer 60 Reception places every September. The amalgamated primary school would continue to operate on the existing school site under a single governing board and headteacher.

All children attending Nevill Road Junior School on the date of amalgamation would automatically have a place at the primary school. No children would be displaced by the proposals.

The proposal is not related to any other school organisation proposal which has been or is about to be published.

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Any objections or comments must be received by midnight on 28 April 2026.

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#### Explanatory note

Stockport Council's Cabinet will determine the statutory proposal within two months of the end of the representation period. If the Council fails to determine the notice within this time, it will pass all relevant material to the Schools Adjudicator who will determine the notice.

## **Proposed amalgamation of Nevill Road Infant School and Nevill Road Junior School and change of age range**

Section 15(1) of the Education and Inspections Act 2006 (as amended by the Education Act 2011) and the School Organisation (Establishment and Discontinuance of Schools) (England) Regulations 2013 and

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### **1 Contact Details**

**Name and address of the local authority making the proposal:**

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**Name of schools:**

Nevill Road Infant School (DfE number 356/2063) and  
Nevill Road Junior School (DfE number 356/2064)

**Address of schools:**

Nevill Road, Bramhall, Stockport, SK7 3ET

**Category of schools:**

Community

### **2 Implementation**

The proposals are to discontinue Nevill Road Junior School and expand the age range of Nevill Road Infant School

The proposal is to discontinue Nevill Road Junior School with effect from 31 August 2026 and to expand the age range of Nevill Road Infant School from 2 -7 to 2 -11 to create a primary school with nursery provision with effect from 1 September 2026 and accommodate the pupils from Nevill Road Junior School and become Nevill Road Primary School. The Infant School would retain its original school number as it is not a new school, even if its name has changed. Therefore, it is proposed that the Headteacher of Nevill Road Infant School will become the Headteacher of Nevill Road Primary School.

Both schools are community schools, which means that Stockport Council is the employer of all staff. There are no proposed changes to this; Stockport Council will remain the employer of all staff, and there are therefore no TUPE implications. Staff terms and conditions will remain the same. Other than the removal of one Headteacher position, there are no proposed changes to the staffing structure within this amalgamation proposal.

Support is available to staff throughout this process from their Line Manager and also the Trade Unions.

It is proposed that the amalgamated school will be renamed Nevill Road Primary School. However, if the schools do amalgamate, then the governing body together with the Senior Leadership Team can liaise with staff, parents and carers on a possible new name for the amalgamated primary school.

The primary school's pupil capacity would be 420 and will offer 60 Reception places every September. Current nursery provision will continue.

The amalgamated primary school would continue to operate on the existing school site under a single governing board and headteacher.

### **3 Reason for amalgamation**

Each time an infant or junior school Headteacher announces their intention to leave their school, consideration is given to whether the schools should become a single primary school. The Headteacher at Nevill Road Junior School will leave the school at the end of the 2025/26 academic year. Stockport Council has taken the opportunity to engage with schools and local communities about how the borough achieves its vision for its children and young people.

Stockport Council believes that amalgamating Nevill Road Infant School and Nevill Road Junior School into a single primary school will enhance the offer provided by both schools.

These statutory proposals follow the outcome of a pre consultation. A five week period of consultation including meetings with staff, governors and parents was undertaken between 21 January 2026 and 24 February 2026. The proposals were also published on Stockport Council's 'Have Your Say' pages [Stockport Metropolitan Borough Citizen Space - Citizen Space](#).

There were 46 responses received and 73.9% of respondents were in favour of the proposals, with 13% of respondents against the proposals. The governing bodies of both Nevill Road Infant and Nevill Road Junior Schools supported the pre consultation and remain in favour of the proposals.

### **4 Objectives**

Rationale for the proposals:

Leadership and vision

The proposals will mean:

- A single governing body and one agreed vision and set of values to continue to drive up standards and promote continuity and progression
- Parents and carers of children who attend the primary school will benefit from knowing one school and one staff team. They would know and understand how the school works and will not have to adjust to the demands of a different school as their child gets older

Transition and supporting pupils' progress

- One school would allow for high levels of consistency to be achieved throughout a pupil's time at the school and will provide better capacity for sustained improvement
- Removal of the need to go through the school admission process to transfer from the Infant school to the Junior school
- Removal of the need to change a school at the transition point between Key Stages 1 and 2 would eliminate the achievement 'dip' that can often be experienced at this time and any anxiety felt by pupils.
- Tracking of pupil progress and early intervention would significantly be enhanced for those pupils moving between early years, Key Stages 1 and 2 and SEND children.

- Expectations for behaviour and learning would be more consistent than if the schools were operating in two separate ways.
- Pupils would have greater opportunities to access aspects of the curriculum which might otherwise be denied to them because of the phase in which they are working. Some pupils in Key Stage 1 might be ready to access aspects of the curriculum and staff in Key Stage 2 but this is difficult to achieve outside of a through primary school.
- The amalgamated primary school will have a Published Admission Number of 60 to keep the smaller school ethos

#### Sharing of resources / expertise and efficiency gains

- A better opportunity to build on the sharing of resources and expertise across early years, Key Stages 1 and 2 which in turn will support an enriched curriculum.
- Enable the single governing body to make efficiencies in the running of the primary school (particularly in respect of leadership, finance, administration and caretaking but also in other areas such as pastoral care, IT, etc.).

#### Recruitment and retention of staff

- Amalgamating both schools would be likely to lead to a more effective policy of recruitment and retention of staff. Nationally, there are significantly more primary schools than infant and junior schools, and teaching staff and non-teaching staff find that posts in primary schools are more attractive than posts in infant and junior schools as they offer better career development opportunities.
- A larger school, covering the full primary age range, offers improved opportunities to develop staff which in turn aids the retention of staff.
- Expertise can be targeted across the primary age range enabling senior leaders to more effectively deploy staff

#### Role models / social development of pupils

- Opportunities for children to work across early years, Key Stages 1 and 2 and support each other. 4 year olds will not be educated alongside 11 year olds, but pupils will have the opportunity to interact with different aged children. This can include older pupils having some appropriate pastoral responsibilities for younger children or supporting them with reading e.g., reading buddies

The extended primary school would continue to operate on the existing school site under a single governing board and headteacher.

## 5 Pupil Numbers and admissions

If the proposal is agreed and both schools amalgamate, the following would apply:

- Children at Nevill Road Junior School will automatically be enrolled at the amalgamated Primary school.
- Children who have applied for Reception places at Nevill Road Infant School for September 2026 would be offered places at the newly formed primary school through the standard admissions process, using the schools current agreed Admission's Policy.
- Children who have applied to transfer from Nevill Road Infant School to Nevill Road Junior School for September 2026 will automatically have a place at the Primary School.
- The admission arrangements will remain the same as those currently determined for Nevill Road Infant School. The catchment area will remain unchanged.

#### Published Admission Number

A consultation took place in the autumn term of the 2025/26 school year to reduce the published admission number from 90 to 60 at both Nevill Road Infant School and Nevill Road Junior School from September 2027. The decision to consult on reducing the

published admission number at both schools was taken as the birthrate in Stockport has fallen significantly over recent years which has led to high levels of surplus capacity in Key Stage 1 and 2 pupil numbers in some areas and some primary schools. The reduction in birth rate is a national issue not just a Stockport issue.

The new Published Admission Number of 60 was determined by Stockport Council Cabinet on 10 February 2026.

It is proposed that the amalgamated school will have a published admission number of 60 from September 2026.

## **6 Displaced pupils**

No children would be displaced by the proposals.

## **7 Impact on the community**

It is anticipated that the proposal would have a positive impact on the school community, as set out in the benefits in section 4 above. Families will still be able to access provision on the same site.

As part of the pre consultation exercise, respondents were asked if the schools currently meet the needs of their local community. Out of 46 responses received, 36 (78.2%) agreed that they do meet local needs with only 1 respondent saying that the needs of the local community were not met by the schools.

## **8 Rural primary schools**

Neither school is designated as a rural school under the Designation of Rural Primary Schools (England) Order 2023.

## **9 Balance of denominational provision**

Nevill Road Infant School and Nevill Road Junior School are both community schools. The balance of denominational provision in the area would not change as the proposed amalgamated primary school would be a community school.

## **10 Maintained nursery schools**

Neither school is a maintained nursery school

## **11 Sixth form provision**

Neither school has sixth form provision.

## **12 Special educational needs provision**

Both schools are mainstream schools which provide a national curriculum offer to children and young people with Education Health and Care Plans (EHCPs); they do not have Resourced Provision or Special Educational Need (SEN) Unit in place.

The Authority is committed to supporting pupils with Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND) at both schools. The proposals will mean that children who have an

EHCP will no longer need to have their plan amended at the end of Key Stage 1 as they do now when they move between the schools.

Specifically for children with Education Health and Care Plans (EHCPs) which names either Nevill Road Infant School or Nevill Road Junior School, the Authority will make arrangements, in line with the SEND Code of Practice (2015), should Cabinet approve the closure of Nevill Road Junior School, to ensure plans are amended to identify the amalgamated school.

### **13 Financial considerations**

There are no costs linked to the amalgamation. Schools are funded from the Dedicated Schools Grant (DSG) using a formula based on pupil numbers recorded at census. Due to a decline in birth rates, both locally and nationally, there is currently a significant surplus of school places across the area. This has impacted on the falling rolls at Nevill Road Infant School which will flow through to Nevill Road Junior School which could lead to a budget deficit in future years. Consolidating into a single, larger organisation will enhance long term financial stability and could ensure more efficient use of resources.

### **13 Travel**

As all children currently on roll at the infant and junior schools would automatically have a place at the extended primary school following amalgamation and the school would remain on the current site of the two schools, Stockport Council does not envisage any change to current travel arrangements.

### **14 The effect on other educational institutions within the area**

Stockport Council does not believe that the proposals would have an effect on other educational institutions within the area as there would be no loss of provision or places as a result of the proposals

### **15 Project costs**

No capital expenditure is required to implement the proposals.

### **16**

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