

## **Proposal to close William Marshall Voluntary Controlled Primary School, Welney**

Notice is given in accordance with section 15(1) of the Education and Inspections Act 2006 that Norfolk County Council, County Hall, Martineau Lane, Norwich, NR1 2DL intends to discontinue the William Marshall Voluntary Controlled Primary School, Main Street, Welney, Wisbech, Norfolk, PE14 9RB on 31 December 2015.

All statutory consultation requirements relating to this proposal have been complied with.

In accordance with our in-year admission arrangements parents will be invited to express up to 3 preferences of alternative mainstream schools for their child to attend in January 2016. All families who currently live in the catchment area for William Marshall VC Primary School will be treated as living in the catchment area for Upwell Community Primary at the point of closure. Pupils currently attending William Marshall VC Primary School, living in the catchment area and beyond the statutory school transport distance to Upwell Community Primary School will be entitled to free transport to Upwell from January 2016. Where a parent's preference(s) cannot be met Norfolk County Council will offer the nearest school with places available and offer the right of appeal. Transport will also be offered to an alternative school where this is beyond the statutory transport distance and it is the nearest school with places.

The proposed catchment area for Upwell Community Primary School will be permanently extended to include that part of the current catchment area for the William Marshall VC Primary School to the north west of the Old Bedford River. The small area to the south east of the Old Bedford River will transfer to the catchment area for Ten Mile Bank Community Primary School.

Copies of the complete proposal can be obtained from the School Organisation Team, Floor 8 (Bay 10), County Hall, Martineau Lane, Norwich, NR1 2DL. It is available on the website at:  
<https://norfolk.citizenspace.com/childrens-services/william-marshall-school-welney>

Within four weeks from the date of publication of this proposal, any person may object to or make comments on the proposal by sending them to School Organisation Team, Floor 8 (Bay 10), County Hall, Martineau Lane, Norwich, NR1 2DL or by email to: [schoolreview@norfolk.gov.uk](mailto:schoolreview@norfolk.gov.uk)

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