

THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SUNDERLAND

REVOCAION PROPOSAL: Discontinuation of Pennywell Early Years Centre

Notice is given in accordance with Schedule 2 to the Education and Inspections Act 2006 and Regulation 21 of the School Organisation (Establishment and Discontinuance of Schools) (England) Regulations 2013 that Sunderland City Council seeks to revoke the decision to discontinue Pennywell Early Years Centre, Portsmouth Road, Pennywell, Sunderland, Tyne and Wear, SR4 9AX and to not implement the proposal.

The statutory notice for the original proposal was published on 02/09/2019 by Sunderland City Council and a decision was taken by the Council on 07/11/2019 to implement the proposal.

The Council took the decision to discontinue Pennywell Early Years Centre on the basis that, post discontinuance, the Pennywell Early Years Centre provision and staff would be amalgamated within the educational offer at a neighbouring academy (Academy 360). This amalgamation was to occur on 1st April 2020.

Pennywell Early Years Centre was to continue to provide early years provision for the area under the management of Academy 360 post 1st April 2020.

Laidlaw Learning Trust, the sponsor of Academy 360, withdrew from the proposal to amalgamate Pennywell Early Years Centre within its trust on 31st March 2020. Consequently, and given the requirement for nursery places in the area remains, the implementation of the proposal to discontinue Pennywell Early Years Centre would be unreasonably difficult and is no longer considered appropriate. Therefore, the Council proposes to revoke the decision to discontinue the nursery.

The full proposals can be viewed via the weblink below

<https://www.sunderland.gov.uk/committees/cm5/Meetings/tabid/73/ctl/ViewMeetingPublic/mid/410/Meeting/10151/Committee/1954/Default.aspx>

Within four weeks from the date of publication of this proposal, any person may object to or make comments on this revocation proposal by sending them to: Alan Rowan, Retained Education Functions Lead, Sunderland City Council, Civic Centre, Burdon Lane, SR2 7DN or by emailing school.organisation@sunderland.gov.uk. Copies of this revocation proposal may be obtained by contacting the same postal and e-mail addresses.

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Sunderland City Council

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