

**PROPOSED REORGANISATION OF NORTHVIEW AND WESTROP  
PRIMARY SCHOOLS – HIGHWORTH COMMUNITY CONSULTATION  
DROP IN SESSIONS**

You will have received a letter in May 2009 or you may have heard that Swindon Borough Council is undertaking consultation in the Highworth area about a proposal to close Northview Primary School and expand Westrop Primary School from September 2010. The key aim of the proposal is to reduce the number of empty primary school places in the town.

Overall the schools in Highworth offering primary education (4-11 years) have the capacity to offer around 800 school places. The forecasted numbers for the area indicate that the future demand will decrease. This indicates that in the future there will be a need for only 3 schools in Highworth offering primary education (4-11 years).

On the 20<sup>th</sup> May 2009 Swindon Borough Council's Cabinet made a recommendation to consult with the school communities of Northview and Westrop Primary Schools on the proposal. However, we fully understand that the proposal could impact communities in Highworth outside the schools directly involved and we are keen to provide more information and to hear your views.

We will therefore be holding 'drop in sessions' for the wider Highworth community where there will be detailed information on display and Officers from Swindon Borough Council present to discuss the key issues and answer any questions, including:

- How many empty school places will there be in Highworth?
- What will happen to the Northview site if the proposal goes ahead?
- What will be the effect on Teaching and Standards in Highworth?
- What will be the impact on travel, traffic and parking?
- Will there be transport available?
- What will the impact on the wider community?
- Will children be taught in mixed age classes?
- How will this proposal affect parental choice?
- When would a final decision be made?
- Any other issue that you wish to express as part of the proposal.

You are very welcome to attend one of the following 'drop in' sessions to find out more:

**8<sup>th</sup> September 2009**

**Any time between 3.30pm – 6.30pm at Westrop Primary School**

**10<sup>th</sup> September 2009**

**Any time between 3.30pm – 6.30pm at Northview Primary School**

We are very keen to discuss the proposal with you. In addition you can also find out more on the Council's website

[www.swindon.gov.uk/educationandlearning/schoolsconsultation](http://www.swindon.gov.uk/educationandlearning/schoolsconsultation) or you can contact:

Chris Williams on telephone 01793 465771 ([cpwilliams@swindon.gov.uk](mailto:cpwilliams@swindon.gov.uk))  
Gareth Cheal on telephone 01793 465802 ([gcheal@swindon.gov.uk](mailto:gcheal@swindon.gov.uk))