

THE BOROUGH COUNCIL OF CALDERDALE

EDUCATION AND INSPECTIONS ACT 2006

Proposals to close Tuel Lane Infant School and to enlarge Christ Church CE (VA) Junior School to create an all-through Primary School

PART 1

Notice is given in accordance with section 15(1) of the Education and Inspections Act 2006 (as amended by the Education Act 2011) that The Borough Council of Calderdale, The Town Hall, Halifax HX1 1UJ intends to discontinue Tuel Lane Infant School, Clay Street, Sowerby Bridge HX6 2ND on 12th April 2026.

PART 2

Notice is given in accordance with section 19(1) of the Education and Inspections Act 2006 (as amended by the Education Act 2011), that The Leeds Diocesan Board of Education, Church House, 17-19 York Place, Leeds, LS1 2EX intends to enlarge Christ Church CE (VA) Junior School Park Rd, Sowerby Bridge HX6 2BJ, to create an all-through primary school with effect from 12th April 2026. These two proposals are linked. In the event that the proposal to close Tuel Lane Infant School does not go ahead, the enlargement of Christ Church Junior School will not take place. Christ Church CE (VA) Junior School will continue with Voluntary Aided status and will provide 210 places for pupils aged 4 – 11 (plus nursery).

Pupils will not be displaced as a result of these proposals. Pupils on roll at Tuel Lane Infant School will transfer to the roll of Christ Church CE (VA) School and transport arrangements will be unaffected.

The new school will initially operate across both current school sites with a view to moving to the Christ Church School site once alterations to the Christ Church School buildings are complete and allow for transition.

All statutory requirements to consult in relation to these proposals have been complied with.

This notice is an extract from the complete proposal. Copies of the complete proposal may be viewed or downloaded from the Authority's website:

<https://engage.calderdale.gov.uk/en-GB/projects/sowerby-bridge-school-changes>

Alternatively, a copy may be requested by telephoning 01422 392617. Within four weeks from the date of publication of this proposal, any person may object or make comments on the proposal by :

Email: cyps.admissions@calderdale.gov.uk

Post: Calderdale MBC, School Organisation and Access, The Town Hall, Halifax, HX1 1UN.

Closing date for responses is 29th January 2026, at midnight.

Signed (Diocese):



Signed (Local Authority):



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