**Parent/Carer Frequently Asked Questions**

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| **Questions** | **Response** |
| What does the decision to amalgamate the schools mean? | On 31 August Larkrise, Rowdeford and St Nicholas will technically close as three separate schools, and on 1September 2020 a new single school will be created on the three existing sites. This decision is an important milestone and reflects a lot of hard work from all the governors, staff and the wider school communities.  That doesn’t mean that everything will change from 1 September. This is the beginning of a new and exciting stage of our work together to create a new school across the three sites that supports Wiltshire children and their parents and carers and will promote inclusion and excellence in teaching and learning. |
| Can we have a detailed timeline from the local authority and new governors about when specific changes will happen, e.g. new head, change of classes, new uniform, building plans, name of school | We shared a timeline in our most recent newsletter and will develop a more detailed ‘roadmap’ to share with you so you know what to expect and when.  In practical terms you will not see any immediate change to your child’s schooling or their experience of school life as a result of this decision. Children will continue to attend at their school sites as usual and there will be no immediate changes to things such as uniform. We really want to make sure that children and young |

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|  | people, and their parents and carers get to be involved in developing the single school and its identity, and there will be lots of opportunities to work together, including in the design of the new-build school. |
| What will happen to the school uniform? | Each site’s uniform will still be the same in September 2020. We will work together to create a single school identity including uniform and logo. Timescales for introduction of any changes like this that will affect you will be engaged on and planned in advance. |
| Will our headteacher stay the same? | From 1 September 2020 the senior leadership team within all three sites will remain the same. The current headteachers will remain responsible for their school sites. We are advertising for a new interim executive headteacher, who is expected to be in post by 1 September and will provide additional support in bringing the three schools together. We will update you once recruitment has been completed. |
| On 1 September will there be an executive headteacher? | We are working with governors to recruit an interim executive headteacher, with a view to them being in post by September. We will also be working with governors from September to recruit a permanent executive headteacher.  Delays due to COVID-19 have meant that the governors have agreed to wait until the autumn to start the recruitment of a permanent headteacher. However, in the meantime the interim headteacher will be in place to provide additional support as the three schools become one school |
| What will the new school be called? | This is a really important decision and one the governors and school community will want to think about together. We look forward to working with the school community on this exciting aspect of the new school. |
| Where will my child be in September? Will they be at the same school?  Will we need to reapply for our school place? | Your child will see very little difference in September. They will still be at the same school, and you don’t need to reapply for places as a result of this. |
| When will the first pupils move into the new site? | The construction programme is a phased one, but the first major completion of building work is planned for September 2022. We will provide regular updates on progress on the build. |
| When will the pupils return to school in September? | Preparations for returning to school will be carried out in line with government guidance and with support from our colleagues in education. |
| Will the teachers and school staff still be working at their current school sites? | At the moment staff will remain at their current site from 1 September. As the transformation progresses the interim executive headteacher may explore informal ways for staff to experience the three different sites. |