

DERBYSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

DECISION NOTICE

CLOSURE OF THE SIXTH FORM

AT

NEW MILLS SCHOOL

A proposal was published in September 2016, in accordance with Section 29 (1) of the School Standards and Framework Act 1998, that Derbyshire County Council would close the sixth form provision at New Mills School & Sixth Form, Church Lane, New Mills Derbyshire SK22 4NR by a phased reduction in provision towards closure in July 2018.

Changing the age range from 11-18 to 11-16 will allow resources to be focused on improving the learning experiences and outcomes for years 7 to 11.

This proposal was discussed at Cabinet on Tuesday 12 December 2016 and was approved. The reasons for this decision are set out in the report below. The key reason for the closure is that falling pupil numbers and reduced funding have resulted in the sixth form not being financially viable.

http://www.derbyshire.gov.uk/images/2016-12-13%20New%20Mills%20Sixth%20Form_tcm44-286655.pdf

The closure of the Sixth Form will be phased, meaning anyone who started in September 2016 will be able to complete their A-levels and finish in summer 2018.

Sixth Form provision will cease as of July 2018.

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