

Proposal to extend the age range of Coalway Junior School and the closure of the Coalway Community Infant School creating an all-through primary school

Notice is hereby given, in accordance with The School Organisation (Establishment and Discontinuance of Schools) Regulations 2013 and The School Organisation (Prescribed Alterations to Maintained Schools) (England) Regulations 2013, that Gloucestershire County Council intends to:

1. **Discontinue Coalway Community Infant School**, 63 Coalway Road, Coleford GL16 7HL with effect from 1 April 2026.
2. **Make a prescribed alteration to Coalway Junior School**, 63 Coalway Road, Coleford GL16 7HL to expand its age range and increase its capacity, thereby enabling it to accommodate the pupils from Coalway Community Infant School

This proposal will result in the coming together of Coalway Community Infant School and Coalway Junior School to form a single, all-through primary school from 1 April 2026.

The all-through primary school will have a planned admission number (PAN) of 60 and a capacity of 420 and will cater for pupils aged 4-11 years.

A consultation was held between 16 June and 11 July 2025 and feedback was considered by the governing bodies and the local authority.

This notice is an extract from the complete proposals. Copies of the complete proposal can be obtained from the Gloucestershire County Council website at:

[Forest of Dean school places | Gloucestershire County Council](#) or by contacting universalcommissioning@gloucestershire.gov.uk

Within four weeks from the date of publication of these proposals, any person may object to or make comments on the proposals, any person may object to or make comments on the proposal to:

universalcommissioning@gloucestershire.gov.uk or by post to Coalway Proposals, Education Planning and Infrastructure Team, Shire Hall, Westgate Street, Gloucester GL1 2TP.

These should be received no later than 5pm on 22 October 2025



Signed: Gareth Vine: Head of Education Planning & Infrastructure

Explanatory notes:

1. This proposal brings an infant and junior school together as a single institution as an all-through primary school with one DfE number
2. All current pupils at Coalway Community Infant School will transfer to Coalway Junior School when the extended age range is implemented
3. The two existing schools are on co located sites. The Key Stage 1 children will therefore continue to be taught in the existing infant accommodation
4. The proposal does not impact on the number of places available for children aged 4-11 years