

Herefordshire Schools First



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Welcome to SchoolsFirst!

SchoolsFirst.org.uk has been set up as to share information for those campaigning against school closures. Our goal is to make it as comprehensive and useful a resource as possible. If you have any ideas, tips, comments or useful information for the site please send them in.

Thanks, and keep on fighting.

Jesse

NEW ON THE SITE

Council is set for talks after schools uproar: *Hereford Times*

At a meeting last month members voted to back the plan in principle but criticised its lack of detail as presented to them...

Plans to shut schools come: *Hereford Times*

The Bromyard school is one of the biggest losers of the draft school review, Queen Elizabeth Humanities College...

The Local Education Authority's case for closure spelled out: *Hereford Times*

Herefordshire has less money from central government if pupil numbers dropped and schools will subsequently see cuts in funding...

Union to fight school closures: *Hereford Times*

Herefordshire's National Union of Teachers (NUT) has spoken out against the council's proposed plan to merge and close 37 schools across the county...

Planned cuts bring rural Herefordshire out in revolt: *Matthew Engel, Financial Times*

It is the epitome of agricultural England, and normally the most placid of counties. But for the past few days Herefordshire has been in open revolt against its council after officials proposed a drastic cull of the county's schools, citing the falling birth rate...

SchoolsFirst.org.uk has been set up to act as a central information point for the many different local campaigns to save Herefordshire schools. Please visit the site and log in today—and ask your friends to do the same.

INFORMATION

We will shortly be adding the latest demographic analysis to the site. This strongly suggests that the Review is working on inaccurate projections of school rolls. Please email us if you would like an advance copy of the analysis.

NEW FACEBOOK GROUPS

Several schools now have dedicated FaceBook groups, linked from our SF site. The latest are:

Save Fairfield High School!

<http://www.facebook.com/group.php?gid=10499141437>

Save Michaelchurch Escley Primary School

<http://www.facebook.com/group.php?gid=7565478007>

SCHOOL ACTION GROUPS

Many school parents and governors have set up School Action Groups to fight the closures.

Specific contact details are below—others can be reached through the schools concerned or through their Facebook groups. Please let us know if you would like to be listed on the site.

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