

Proposal to close Minsterworth C of E Primary School:  
response form

**Section A**

From the information provided, do you understand the reasons why Gloucestershire County Council is consulting on the proposal to close Minsterworth C of E Primary School by 31st December 2017?

- Yes       No

**Section B**

To what extent do you agree or disagree that Minsterworth C of E School should close by the 31st December 2017?

- Strongly agree       Agree       Neither agree or disagree       Disagree       Strongly disagree

**Section C Comments**

Please make any additional comments in the box below:

**Section D About you**

Are you a ... (please tick all that apply)

- Parent/carer with a child currently at Minsterworth C of E Primary  
 Parent/carer with a child currently at another local school  
 Parent/carer with a pre-school child  
 School staff  
 Governor of Minsterworth C of E School  
 Governor of another school  
 Local resident  
 Elected representative  
 Other (please specify) \_\_\_\_\_

Thank you for completing this questionnaire. Please return this form to:  
**Minsterworth C of E Consultation, FREEPOST NAT10062, Gloucester, GL1 2BR**

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# Consultation on the closure of Minsterworth C of E Primary

## What are we proposing for Minsterworth C of E Primary and why?

Minsterworth C of E Primary is a 4-11 Church of England voluntary aided Primary school. The school currently offers 8 reception places each year with a total capacity for 56 pupils. In September 2016 one pupil joined the Reception year and the school currently has 26 pupils on roll with 30 surplus places.

Due to the decreasing numbers over recent years the Governing Body is concerned over the school's financial viability, given its current deficit position. In December 2016 the School was inspected by Ofsted and the school was rated as requiring improvement. Pupil forecasts indicate that the low pupil numbers at the school and the number of surplus places in the area will continue and the Governing Body of Minsterworth C of E School, the Diocese of Gloucester and Gloucestershire County Council are therefore consulting on the proposed closure of the school by the 31st December 2017.

## What we will do to best support pupils at Minsterworth C of E Primary

We will ensure that the school continues to receive support through the Local Authority and Diocese of Gloucester so that all pupils are able to continue their education and receive the best possible teaching and learning. Gloucestershire County Council's Admissions Team and Parent Advisers will work with individual families to ensure suitable places are found at other schools taking into account particular needs and any preference for a Church of England education should the decision be taken to close the school.

## What happens next?

If you are a parent or carer with a child currently attending Minsterworth C of E Primary you will shortly be contacted by a Parent Adviser from Gloucestershire County Council or a member of the Admissions Team. You are also invited to a drop in meeting on Wednesday 28th June at Minsterworth C of E Primary School between 3pm-6pm.

All the consultation responses from people who attend the meetings, send in response forms or complete the survey online will be put together into a report for the Lead Cabinet Member for Children and Young People. He will then consider everything that people have said to help decide on the future of Minsterworth C of E Primary School.

If the Lead Cabinet Member decides that the best option is to close the school, a statutory notice will be published in September 2017. There will then be a further 4 week period for people to respond to the proposal before a final decision is made in November 2017.

## How do I tell you my views?

You are invited to attend an information drop in meeting at:  
Minsterworth C of E Primary School  
Main Road, Minsterworth, GL2 8JH  
**On 28th June between 3pm-6pm.**

You can also give us your comments by completing the attached questionnaire.

This should be returned to us at the following FREEPOST address:

**Minsterworth C of E Consultation**  
**FREEPOST NAT10062**  
**Gloucester GL1 2BR**

You can also complete the questionnaire on our website at  
**[www.gloucestershire.gov.uk/minsterworth](http://www.gloucestershire.gov.uk/minsterworth)**

**Completed questionnaires must reach us by 5pm on 28th July**

Gloucestershire County Council has a commitment to protecting personal information. All of your answers will be treated in accordance with the Data Protection act.