



# The Henry Cort Community College

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Dear Parents/Carers

As you may be aware, Hampshire County Council have launched a proposal to consult on the plans for the new secondary school at Whiteley and I was only given the proposal details yesterday late afternoon. These plans have a considerable impact on the future of Henry Cort Community College as a school and its site. If given approval to consult, the consultation process will run from 29 March until 31 May 2024 and we would encourage you to submit your comments as part of the consultation process when it opens.

The full document can be found [Public consultation to be requested on future education offer for children in Whiteley and Fareham | Hampshire County Council \(hants.gov.uk\)](https://www.hants.gov.uk/public-consultation-to-be-requested-on-future-education-offer-for-children-in-whiteley-and-fareham)

In short, there are 3 proposals –

1. A new Whiteley school will open in September 2027 linking with Whiteley Primary School and Cornerstone Primary. Henry Cort would remain open but with a sizeable reduction in student numbers. This will have a long term impact on the financial viability of Henry Cort.
2. Henry Cort Community College closes and a new secondary academy will be opened in Whiteley in September 2027 and all students on roll at Henry Cort would need to find places in other schools.
3. **This is the preferred council option to relocate Henry Cort Community College to Whiteley** with all its current students and staff (there would be considerable discussion/consultation on how this would be achieved including transportation for students affected by this).

In all cases, there would need to be changes to the catchment areas and this would involve further consultation/discussion around this with all schools in the wider Fareham and Gosport area. Proposal 3 outlines that Fareham Academy and Cams Hill schools would share the catchment area for the students that currently live within walking distance of Henry Cort.

There is currently no outline of what will happen to the Henry Cort site or access to the community facilities in proposals 2 and 3. Hampshire County Council have stated that there needs to be further consultation/discussion with community users and Fareham Borough Council about the longer term provision.

We are endeavouring to arrange a meeting with Hampshire County Council for parents and community users so that you can hear first-hand what the plans are.

Yours sincerely

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