

***Delegated Decisions by Cabinet Member for Education - Monday, 11 June 2012***

***Statement of Decision***

**Present:**

Councillor Melinda Tilley, Cabinet Member for Education

Officers: B. Chillman and D. Cameron (Children, Education & Families)  
and D. Miller (Chief Executive's Office).

**Alteration to Lower Age Limit at Woodeaton Manor School**

**Documentation considered:**

Report Alteration to Lower Age Limit at Woodeaton Manor School

*A copy is attached to the signed copy of this decision.*

**Cabinet Member's Comments**

I welcome this much needed decision to lower the school's age range to admit a class of six Key Stage 2 primary age children each year starting in 2012. This will provide access to appropriately trained staff and to specialist support and advice, so that individual pupils can have the fullest possible opportunities to make progress in their learning and participate in their school and community. This type of specialist support may not otherwise be available to the particular child at a mainstream primary school.

More primary school places are needed in Oxfordshire for children with BESD. The current pressure on places can lead to a delay before children receive the specialist care and support that enables them to thrive and achieve their full potential. The proposal is

**Decision**

Having regard to the arguments and options set out in the documentation before me, the representations made to me and the further considerations set out above, I confirm my decisions on this matter as follows:

to approve the permanent alteration of the lower age limit at Woodeaton Manor School with effect from 1 September 2012.

Signed .....  
Cabinet Member for Education

Date .....