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Dear Parents and Carers,

Proposal to close Middle Street Primary School

I am writing to share some difficult news with you. We understand this letter will be upsetting to receive, and we want you to know that the decision has not been taken lightly.

On Thursday 15th January, the Interim Executive Board (IEB) of Middle Street Primary School met to discuss the future of the school. After carefully considering the current situation and giving thorough thought to all the factors affecting the school's viability, the Board concluded that the school does not have a viable future in its current position. They have recommended to Brighton & Hove City Council that the school should close.

The council has carefully considered this recommendation and recognises the dedication and professionalism the IEB and Interim Leadership Team has shown in supporting the school through recent challenges. Following this recommendation, the council has concluded that a public consultation needs to be held on the proposed closure of Middle Street Primary School on 31 August 2026.

We know this news will be unsettling for you and your children, and we recognise the significant impact this will have on your family and the whole school community. Your child's education and wellbeing are our absolute priority, and we are committed to supporting you through this uncertain time

Public Consultation

The council wants to hear from you. They will begin a public consultation on 26 January 2026, running until 9 March 2026. Your views, questions and concerns are important to us, and we encourage all parents, carers, pupils, staff and members of the wider community to participate.

We have arranged three public meetings where you can ask questions and share your views:

- Tuesday 10 February, 1:45pm-3:15pm (in-person at Middle Street Primary School)
- Wednesday 25 February, 9:00am-10:30am (in-person at Middle Street Primary School)
- Wednesday 4 March, 6:00pm (online via Microsoft Teams)

We will share full details about how to submit your views and access the online consultation early next week.



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Your child's education continues

Please be assured that the school remains fully open and committed to your child's teaching and care throughout this academic year. Nothing changes in terms of the day-to-day education and support your child will receive.

Available support

We understand this news raises many questions and concerns about your child's future. Please know that myself and Michelle are here for you and happy to speak to you about any worries or questions you may have. The council will also be arranging additional support for pupils and families during this period, and we will keep you informed about what is available to help you.

Next steps

After the consultation period closes, Cabinet members will carefully review all responses and feedback received before deciding whether to move forward with publishing statutory notices. If statutory notices are published, there will be a further 4-week period for representations. Any final decision about closure must be made by Full Council, which is currently scheduled for 21 May 2026.

We will keep you informed at every stage of this process and ensure that you have opportunities to have your voice heard.

We recognise how difficult and unsettling this news is for your whole family, and we are committed to supporting you and your child through whatever lies ahead.

Best wishes,

Rachel Kershaw
Interim Executive Headteacher