

STATES OF DELIBERATION30th October, 2013**Billet d'État No. XX
Article 10****AMENDMENT**

Proposed by: Deputy M H Dorey
Seconded by: Deputy S A James MBE

**Education Department
Transforming Primary Education**

To add a new Proposition 3A as follows:

- “3A (1) To note that, in seeking to transform primary education in the manner set out in this Report and as stated in paragraph 6.3, 6.16 - 6.18 of the Report, there will be various changes to primary school catchment boundaries.
- (2) To agree that those families who will be affected by the immediate extension of the La Mare de Carteret Primary School catchment area (as proposed in Annex 3 of the Report) and have children who will be registered to join reception classes in September 2014, will:
- i) in the case of those families living in the catchment extension area close to Saumarez Park, be afforded the choice of registering for either La Mare de Carteret Primary School or Castel Primary School; and
 - ii) in the case of those families who currently have a choice (for whatever reason) of registering either for La Mare de Carteret Primary School or Hautes Capelles Primary School, continue to be afforded that choice.
- (3) To agree that those families who have children who will be registered to join reception classes in September 2014 who currently have a choice (for whatever reason) of registering either for Forest Primary School or La Houquette Primary School, will continue to be afforded that choice.”

Explanatory Note

The Education Department propose an immediate change to La Mare de Carteret Primary School Catchment Area boundaries. The proposals are set out in paragraphs 6.17 and 6.18

(pages 1773-4) and Annex 3 (page 1820). They will take effect almost immediately, effectively without any notice.

There are families within the proposed boundary extension area that expected their child to attend the Castel Primary School. There are also families within the Vale / Castel boundary areas that will lose the option to attend Hautes Capelles Primary School.

This Amendment is being placed in order to enable the Castel and Vale Parish children affected by these immediate changes to have at least one year's notice before implementation of any change in catchment area boundaries and the same level of Primary School choice as those who are currently attending St Andrew's Primary School and who will be affected by the closure.

Should proposition 3 of the Education Department's Report be approved, parents of children living within the catchment area for St Andrew's Primary School will rightly be offered the possibility of sending their children to either St Martin's, Forest, La Houquette, Vauvert, or Castel Primary Schools, whilst the parents of children within the proposed La Mare de Carteret Primary School's catchment extension area will not now be offered entry to Castel Primary School or the choice of Hautes Capelles Primary school as previously expected. It is felt that any children affected by these proposals should be afforded the same level of choice and consideration for at least one more year.

The amendment is also being placed to try and assist parents make provision for such potential change of schools (which might involve significant changes to daily family work/school/life routine).

It is also considered that families who currently have the choice of attending Forest Primary School or La Houquette Primary School, should continue to be afforded that choice for one more year. This would hopefully enable them to make provision for such potential changes (which might again involve significant changes to daily family work/school/life routine).