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Amberfield School to close

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Amberfield School will close on 31 October 2011 and go in to liquidation thereafter due to unsustainable financial losses. The Board of Governors announced the decision to all parents today. The school will work with parents to find other schools in the area for the pupils affected.

The school has been hit by a drop in pupil numbers in recent years which has led to significant losses being incurred.

Chairman of Governors, Alistair Lang said: "This is a very sad day which I know will be a body blow to our pupils, parents and staff. Amberfield is a small school which has been a real strength for its many pupils over the years. But its small size and its particular style in this difficult economic climate has made it increasingly difficult to keep afloat. Despite a great deal of effort behind the scenes in recent weeks we have reluctantly accepted we have no option but to close the school."

Amberfield is an independent day school for girls aged 2-16 years and boys aged 2-7 years. The school, at Nacton near Ipswich, currently has 157 pupils.

Governors and staff led by Headmistress Mrs Linda Ingram will work with schools and parents to get the pupils in to new schools as soon as possible.

Mrs Ingram said: "My heart goes out to all our wonderful pupils and staff – this really is a sad day for us all. We are determined to do everything we can to ensure the transition of our pupils and our staff to new schools and jobs as quickly and easily as possible."

Amberfield employs 32 teaching staff and 23 non teaching staff. The school was founded in 1927.

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Note to editors:

The last ISI (Independent Schools Inspectorate) report was in 2009. The report noted "Financial oversight is strong under the day to day care of the bursar and the procurement of resources throughout the school is efficient."

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