



## Statutory notice for the proposal to move Furze Down School sixth form

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**Close date:** 7 November 2023

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### Overview

**We want to hear your views on a proposal to move Furze Down School sixth form to the short breaks day service building in Buckingham (also known as the Buckingham Opportunities Centre).**

Notice is given in accordance with section 19 of the Education and Inspections Act 2006 that Buckinghamshire Council intends to relocate the sixth form provision from Furze Down School, Verney Road, Winslow MK18 3BL to a site in Buckingham currently used by the Buckingham Short Breaks Day Service located in Well Street, Buckingham MK18 1EN.

This proposal would allow:

- Furze Down School to add 26 places for pupils aged 4 to 16 years old
- the short breaks day service in Buckingham to continue providing adult services from a smaller area of the current building

Together with the Governing Board of Furze Down School, we have considered the responses to the [recent consultation on the proposals](#) for the school.

This Notice is an extract of the full proposal. A copy of the full proposal is available to download at [www.buckinghamshire.gov.uk/furze-down-statutory-notice](http://www.buckinghamshire.gov.uk/furze-down-statutory-notice). Alternatively you can request a copy via email [FurzeDownandBuckinghamConsultation@buckinghamshire.gov.uk](mailto:FurzeDownandBuckinghamConsultation@buckinghamshire.gov.uk) or by post: The School Commissioning Team, Buckinghamshire Council, 1st Floor, Walton Street Office, Aylesbury, Bucks, HP20 1UZ.

## **Proposal to move Furze Down School sixth form**

We are proposing to move the 40 sixth form pupils from Furze Down School to the short breaks day service building in Buckingham.

This proposal would support sixth form pupils with:

- developing independence and preparing for adulthood – including travel skills
- an integrated supported employment and learning provision
- access to work related activities in Buckingham

Under our proposal, no areas of the building or site would be shared:

- the building currently used by the Buckingham short breaks day service would be divided – about 70% of it would be used for Furze Down's sixth form
- the short breaks day service and Furze Down sixth form would each have their own entrance, secure areas and external area

There will be no staff redundancies as part of this proposal.

## **What this proposal would mean for Furze Down School, Winslow**

A key priority of our [SEND and Inclusion Strategy 2021 to 2023](#) is to provide more places for pupils with communication and interaction needs.

Moving Furze Down School sixth form would help achieve this by:

- adding 26 places for pupils aged 4 to 16 years old at Furze Down School
- allowing all specialist teaching areas at Furze Down School to be used – some are currently being used for general teaching

## **What this proposal would mean for the short breaks day service in Buckingham**

Adult services would continue from the short breaks day service building in Buckingham.

The smaller area of the building would not impact the quality of service provided. The service could also support additional adults.

If the proposal happens, the short breaks day service would not be located at the Buckingham site whilst building works took place.

However, all adults currently using the short breaks day service would:

- be able to use alternative services / support
- meet with staff to discuss and agree alternative services / support to meet their needs

## **Related documents**

Before you respond to this consultation, please have a look at the following documents at [www.buckinghamshire.gov.uk/furze-down-statutory-notice](http://www.buckinghamshire.gov.uk/furze-down-statutory-notice):

- Statutory Notice for the proposal to move Furze Down School sixth form
- Statutory proposal to move Furze Down School sixth form
- Frequently asked questions (FAQs) and consultation responses

## **How to make a representation**

Within 4 weeks of the date of publication of this proposal, any person may agree, object to, or make comments on the proposal in the following ways:

- complete the online survey at [www.buckinghamshire.gov.uk/furze-down-statutory-notice](http://www.buckinghamshire.gov.uk/furze-down-statutory-notice)
- complete, and return, the printed version of the survey below
- email us at [FurzeDownandBuckinghamConsultation@buckinghamshire.gov.uk](mailto:FurzeDownandBuckinghamConsultation@buckinghamshire.gov.uk)
- write to us at The School Commissioning Team, Buckinghamshire Council, 1st Floor, Walton Street Office, Aylesbury, Bucks, HP20 1UZ

If you have any questions about this activity, please email us at [FurzeDownandBuckinghamConsultation@buckinghamshire.gov.uk](mailto:FurzeDownandBuckinghamConsultation@buckinghamshire.gov.uk).

**Please tell us your views by midnight on Tuesday 7 November 2023.**

## **What happens next**

With the Governing Board of Furze Down School, we will consider all responses we receive.

The Leader of Buckinghamshire Council, with the Cabinet Member for Education and Children’s Services, will make the final decision on the proposals. We expect this decision to be made in December 2023.

If the decision is taken to proceed, Furze Down sixth form will be moved and Furze Down School will be expanded ready for September 2024.

## Privacy

We will use the information you provide here only for this activity. We will store the information securely in line with data protection laws and will not share or publish any personal details. For more information about data and privacy, please see our [Privacy Policy](#).

If you have questions about data and privacy, please email us on [dataprotection@buckinghamshire.gov.uk](mailto:dataprotection@buckinghamshire.gov.uk). Or write to our Data Protection Officer at Buckinghamshire Council, The Gateway, Gatehouse Road, Aylesbury, HP19 8FF.

## Printed consultation survey

### Proposal to move Furze Down School sixth form

**1. Do you agree with the proposal to move Furze Down School sixth form to the short breaks day service building in Buckingham?**

Please tick (✓) one option

- Yes
- No
- I don’t know

**Please tell us the reasons for your answer:**

## About you

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### 2. Which of the following describe you?

Please tick (✓) all that apply

- I am a parent or carer of a student at Furze Down School
- I work at Furze Down School
- I am a Governor for Furze Down School
- I am a student at Furze Down School
- I am a service user at the Buckingham short breaks day service
- I work at the Buckingham short breaks day service
- I live near Furze Down School
- I live near the Buckingham short breaks day service
- I work at another local school in the area
- I represent or own a business in Buckinghamshire
- I represent a community or voluntary group in Buckinghamshire
- I am an elected representative in Buckinghamshire
- I represent a Parish / Town Council or Town Committee in Buckinghamshire
- I work for Buckinghamshire Council
- Other (please give details below):

### 3. How did you find out about this consultation?

Please tick (✓) all that apply

- Letter from school
- School staff briefing
- Local media (newspaper, radio or TV)
- Buckinghamshire Council website or Your Voice Bucks website
- Buckinghamshire Council newsletter
- From Buckinghamshire Council staff
- Through working at Buckinghamshire Council

- Word of mouth
- Local Community Board
- Local Councillor
- Local Parish / Town Council or Town Committee
- Other (please give details below):

**4. Are you responding as an individual or on behalf of an organisation (e.g. a business or a voluntary group)?**

Please tick (✓) one option

- As an individual (go to question7)
- On behalf of an organisation

**On behalf of an organisation**

**5. Please provide the following details:**

Name of organisation:

Your job title:

**End of survey if responding on behalf of an organisation**

**More about you**

We want to hear from as many people as possible to understand the views and needs across Buckinghamshire. The following questions help us see if the communities we serve have had the opportunity to be heard through this activity.

All questions are optional. You can skip any questions you do not wish to answer, or you can skip all the questions.

## 6. What is your postcode?

We want to understand the views of people living in different areas. You don't have to provide your postcode, but it helps us plan and make considered decisions.

## 7. What is your age?

**Why we ask this:** We want to understand the experiences and views of different age groups.

Please tick (✓) one option

- Under 16
- 16 to 24
- 25 to 34
- 35 to 44
- 45 to 54
- 55 to 64
- 65 to 74
- 75 to 84
- Over 85
- Prefer not to say

## 8. Are you:

**Why we ask this:** We want to understand the experiences and views of different sexes.

Please tick (✓) one option

- Female
- Male
- Prefer not to say

**9. Do you consider yourself to have a disability / disabilities, impairment(s) or long term health condition(s)?**

**Why we ask this:** We want to understand the experiences and views of disabled people, people with impairments and people with long-term health conditions.

Please tick (✓) all that apply

- Disability / disabilities
- Impairment(s)
- Long term health condition(s)
- No
- Prefer not to say

**10. How would you describe your ethnicity?**

**Why we ask this:** We want to understand the experiences and views of different ethnicities.

Please tick (✓) one option

- Asian - British
- Asian - Bangladeshi
- Asian - Chinese
- Asian - Indian
- Asian - Pakistani
- Any other Asian background - Please give details below
- Black - African
- Black - British
- Black - Caribbean
- Any other Black, African or Caribbean background - Please give details below
- Mixed or multiple ethnic groups - White and Asian
- Mixed or multiple ethnic groups - White and Black African
- Mixed or multiple ethnic groups - White and Black British
- Mixed or multiple ethnic groups - White and Black Caribbean
- Mixed or multiple ethnic groups - Mixed or Multiple Ethnic backgrounds British
- Any other Mixed or Multiple ethnic background - Please give details below



- White - English, Welsh, Scottish, Northern Irish or British
- White - Irish
- White - Gypsy or English traveller
- White - Irish Traveller
- White - European
- Any other White background - Please give details below
- Other ethnic group - Arab
- Other ethnic group - Arab British
- Other ethnic group - Please give details below
- Prefer not to say

Please give other details here:

### **End of the survey**

**Thank you for taking the time to complete this survey.**

Please return your completed survey by midnight on Tuesday 7 November 2023.

You can:

- email it to [FurzeDownandBuckinghamConsultation@buckinghamshire.gov.uk](mailto:FurzeDownandBuckinghamConsultation@buckinghamshire.gov.uk)
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