



Statutory notice for the proposed closure of The Mary Towerton Primary School

Open date: 28 April 2023

Close date: 26 May 2023

Name: School Commissioning

Email: themarytowertonconsultation@buckinghamshire.gov.uk

Overview

We are seeking your views on our proposal to close The Mary Towerton School at Studley Green, High Wycombe.

Notice is given in accordance with section 15 of the Education and Inspections Act 2006 and The School Organisation (Establishment and Discontinuance of schools) Regulations 2013 that Buckinghamshire Council intends to discontinue the following maintained community school with effect from 31 August 2023:

The Mary Towerton School, Studley Green, High Wycombe, HP14 3XN

Together with the Governing Board of The Mary Towerton School, we have considered the responses to the recent consultation on the future of The Mary Towerton School which ended on 2 April 2023. As it did not provide any viable options to support the school remaining open, we are publishing this statutory proposal for closure.

The main factors leading to the closure proposal are low and falling pupil numbers impacting on the school's financial viability and consequent ability to sustain a high-quality education for pupils.

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

Related documents

Before you respond to this consultation, please have a look at the following documents. These are available at [buckinghamshire.gov.uk/mary-towerton-statutory-notice](https://www.buckinghamshire.gov.uk/mary-towerton-statutory-notice)

- Statutory notice for the proposed closure of The Mary Towerton School
- Statutory proposal for the closure of The Mary Towerton School

How to make a representation

Within four 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 [buckinghamshire.gov.uk/mary-towerton-statutory-notice](https://www.buckinghamshire.gov.uk/mary-towerton-statutory-notice)
- Complete, and return, the printed version of the survey below
- Email us at themarytowertonconsultation@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 themarytowertonconsultation@buckinghamshire.gov.uk.

Please tell us your views by midnight on Friday 26 May 2023.

What happens next

With The Mary Towerton School Governing Board, we will consider all the responses we receive.

The Leader of Buckinghamshire Council, in consultation with the Cabinet Member for Education and Children's Services, will take the decision on the final outcome. A statutory decision must be made by Friday 21 July 2023.

If the decision is taken to close the school, it is proposed that this would take effect on 31 August 2023.

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. Or write to our Data Protection Officer at Buckinghamshire Council, The Gateway, Gatehouse Road, Aylesbury, HP19 8FF.

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1. Do you agree with the proposal to close The Mary Towerton School?

Please tick (✓) one option

- Yes
- No
- I don't know

Please tell us the reasons for your previous 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 The Mary Towerton School
- I work at The Mary Towerton School
- I am a Governor / Trustee for The Mary Towerton School
- I am a student at The Mary Towerton School
- I live near The Mary Towerton School
- 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 question 9)
- 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 by clicking 'Continue' at the bottom of the page.

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 Friday 26 May 2023. You can:

- Email it to themarytowertonconsultation@buckinghamshire.gov.uk
- Post it to The School Commissioning Team, Buckinghamshire Council, 1st Floor, Walton Street Office, Aylesbury, Bucks, HP20 1UZ