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Consultation on a proposal to expand The Cottesloe School

Dear Parent / Carer / Local Resident,

Over the last few years, the population of north Buckinghamshire has increased. This has increased the demand for secondary school places.

We, in partnership with Buckinghamshire Council, are proposing to permanently expand the school to increase the number of places.

Works to expand the school would include:

- an extension to the current sixth form block, which would:
 - include 4 new classrooms, a toilet block and a new dining facility for sixth form pupils
 - create more space within the main school for pupils aged 11 to 15
- internal alterations within the existing science block to create an additional science laboratory and refurbishment of the toilet facilities

The permanent expansion of the school would be available from October 2025. The larger school would provide benefits – including greater flexibility and efficiency for staff and resources.

The proposal would allow us to admit a further 20 Year 7 pupils each year. This would mean an overall increase of 100 pupils across Year 7 to 11 by September 2027.

Across all the year groups, we would be able to admit 210 pupils annually. As the increased number of Year 7 pupils move through the school, there would be an increase in sixth form pupils.

The proposal to expand the school is fully supported by the Governing Board.

Buckinghamshire Council has expanded several schools in the area to accommodate additional pupils.

In September 2022, we accommodated 20 additional pupils in Year 7. This was possible within the school's existing space.

We will admit up to 20 more pupils in Year 7 from September 2023 by making minor changes to our existing school buildings.

Drop-in event to find out more

We are holding a public drop-in event to share our ideas, hear your views and answer any questions. The event will be in the main school hall from **5pm to 7pm on Wednesday 13 September 2023**.

You will be able to ask questions about the proposed expansion of the school. Our governors, our headteacher, officers from Buckinghamshire Council and the architects will be at the event.

In addition to the event, we are holding a public consultation on the proposals, and I would be grateful if you would complete the attached response form and return it **by midnight on Sunday 8 October 2023**.

Decision making process

Subject to the outcome of this consultation process, Buckinghamshire Council will review the feedback and a decision will be taken whether to formally publish a statutory notice to take forward this proposal.

The proposed timetable below, which may be subject to change, sets out the next steps:

| Date | Action |
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| 4 September to 8 October 2023 | Initial 5-week consultation |
| 13 September 2023 | Drop-in session at Cottesloe School from 5 to 7pm for parents / carers, residents and interested parties |
| October 2023 | Review of consultation responses |
| October 2023 | Submit planning application to expand the school The decision whether to expand the school will not be made until after responses from the required consultation(s) have been reviewed The planning application needs to be submitted before any final decision by the Leader of Buckinghamshire Council – this decision cannot be made until outcome of the planning application is known If planning permission is not granted, the expansion will not proceed |
| 13 November to 10 December 2023 | Subject to the outcome of the initial consultation: Commence a 4-week statutory notice consultation on the proposal |
| December 2023 / January 2024 | Review consultation responses |
| February 2024 | Receive decision on planning application to expand the school |
| February 2024 | Buckinghamshire Council Leader / Cabinet Member decision on proposals to expand the school |
| March 2024 | Main works contractor appointed |

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| April 2024 | Works commence on site to expand the school We would work closely with Buckinghamshire Council and the contractor to make sure all expansion works are in line with health and safety legislation and do not impact pupils' learning |
| October 2025 | Works completed |

Have your say

We want to hear your views on this proposal.

The views of parents, pupils and the wider community will be considered by our Governing Board and Buckinghamshire Council – when determining whether to publish a Statutory Notice to expand the school.

You can respond to this consultation online at yourvoicebucks.citizenspace.com

You can post it to Buckinghamshire Council using the address at the end of form or email it to thecottesloeschoolconsultation@buckinghamshire.gov.uk

Printed feedback forms will be available at the meeting on 13 September 2023.

All responses must be received by midnight on 8 October 2023. Any responses received after this date will not be considered.

Printed consultation survey

Proposal to expand The Cottesloe School

1. Do you support the proposal to expand The Cottesloe School?

Please tick (✓) one option

- Yes
- No
- I don't know

2. If you have any other comments about the proposal to expand The Cottesloe School, please tell us here:

About you

We will use the information you provide here only for the purpose of this activity. We will store the information securely in line with data protection laws and will not share or publish any personal details.

3. Which of the following describe you?

Please tick (✓) all that apply

- I am a parent or carer of a student at The Cottesloe School
- I work at The Cottesloe School
- I am a Governor for The Cottesloe School
- I am a student at The Cottesloe School
- I live near The Cottesloe 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):

4. 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):

5. 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

6. 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.

7. 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.

8. 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

More answer options on the next page

- 45 to 54
- 55 to 64
- 65 to 74
- 75 to 84
- Over 85
- Prefer not to say

9. 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

10. 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

11. 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

More answer options on the next page

- 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 Sunday 8 October 2023. You can:

- email it to thecottesloeschoolconsultation@buckinghamshire.gov.uk
- post it to School Commissioning Team, Buckinghamshire Council, 1st Floor, Walton Street Office, Aylesbury, Bucks, HP20 1UZ
- complete the online survey at: yourvoicebucks.citizenspace.com

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