



Buckinghamshire Council Children's Services

Notification of proposal by Buckinghamshire Council to open a Social, Emotional and Mental Health (SEMH) Unit and the closure of the Additional Resource Provision (ARP) at Juniper Hill School

Notice is given in accordance with sections 15 and 19 of the Education and Inspections Act 2006 that Buckinghamshire Council intends to open a Social, Emotional and Mental Health (SEMH) Unit and to close the existing Additional Resource Provision (ARP) with effect from 1st September 2024 at:

Juniper Hill School
Churchill Close
Flackwell Heath
High Wycombe
HP10 9LA

The [SEN Sufficiency Strategy](#) for Buckinghamshire identified the need for two 12 place primary age Inclusion Units for children with SEMH at a school in the Wycombe area and in the Aylesbury Vale area. The Local Authority has evidenced that those children and young people, with social communication needs (autism) and social, emotional and mental health needs (SEMH) are our fastest growing area of need in the Wycombe area. As such, we have concluded that additional resources must be targeted in this area.

In addition to the proposal to open a new SEND Unit, Buckinghamshire Council is also proposing to withdraw the Additionally Resourced Provision (ARP) for pupils with a physical disability at Juniper Hill School from September 2024. Having reviewed demand for places and the Council's on-going work to make sure it can offer the right provision for children with a range of SEND needs, it was considered that a physical disability ARP was no longer required at the school. Increasingly children with a physical disability that require a mainstream school place are able to access their local school with the benefits of being part of their local school community.

Buckinghamshire Council has complied with all applicable statutory requirements to consult in connection with this proposal. At the conclusion of the Notice period, if



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permission is granted by Buckinghamshire Council's Leader in consultation with the Cabinet Member for Education and Children's Services, Buckinghamshire Council will implement the proposal.

This Notice is an extract from the full proposal. Copies of the full proposal can be obtained from:

Buckinghamshire Council Website: www.buckinghamshire.gov.uk/juniper-hill-statutory-notice

Email: juniper-hill-school-consultation@buckinghamshire.gov.uk

Post: The School Commissioning Team, Buckinghamshire Council, 1st Floor, Walton Street Office, Aylesbury, Bucks, HP20 1UZ

Within four weeks of the date of publication of this proposal, any person may agree, object to, or make comments on, the proposal online via the Buckinghamshire Council consultation website: www.buckinghamshire.gov.uk/juniper-hill-statutory-notice

Alternatively, representations can be made by email to juniper-hill-school-consultation@buckinghamshire.gov.uk or by post to The School Commissioning Team, Buckinghamshire Council, 1st Floor, Walton Street Office, Aylesbury, Bucks, HP20 1UZ

The closing date for comments is midnight on Thursday 9th November 2023.

Signed: John Macilwraith, Corporate Director, Children's Services, Buckinghamshire Council
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