



Statutory notice for the proposed closure of Little Marlow Church of England School

Open date: 27 February 2026

Close date: 26 March 2026

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Overview

It is with deep regret that the Federated Governing Board of Holy Trinity and Little Marlow Church of England (CE) Schools, with the support of Oxford Diocesan Board of Education (ODBE) and the Council, is publishing a statutory notice to close Little Marlow CE School.

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 2026:

Little Marlow Church of England School, School Lane, Little Marlow, Buckinghamshire, SL7 3SA

The Federated Governing Board of Holy Trinity and Little Marlow CE Schools, together with the ODBE and the Council, has considered the responses to the recent consultation on the future of Little Marlow CE School. The consultation ended on 22 January 2026. 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 current and projected pupil numbers and a surplus of places in the local area
- low proportion of pupils attending from the Little Marlow community
- increasing deficit budget situation means that the school is not financially viable and makes curriculum planning and delivery challenging

- safeguarding concerns due to low pupil and staff numbers
 - with very few pupils on roll and the projected further fall for next academic year it would be essential to combine classes even further, this would leave a dramatically reduced number of staff which could create safeguarding risks; low staffing levels make it difficult to maintain essential safeguarding standards

This Notice is an extract of the full proposal. A copy of the full proposal is available to download at

<https://yourvoicebucks.citizenspace.com/schools/little-marlow-statutory-notice>. Alternatively, you can request a copy via email

LittleMarlowCEConsultation@buckinghamshire.gov.uk or by 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 notice, any person may submit a representation.

Related documents

Before you submit any representations, please have a look at the following documents. These are available at

<https://yourvoicebucks.citizenspace.com/schools/little-marlow-statutory-notice>

- Statutory notice for the proposed closure of Little Marlow Church of England School
- Statutory proposal for the closure of Little Marlow Church of England School

How to make a representation

You can submit a representation in the following ways:

- Complete the online survey at <https://yourvoicebucks.citizenspace.com/schools/little-marlow-statutory-notice>
- Complete, and return, the printed version of the survey below
- Email us at LittleMarlowCEConsultation@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 LittleMarlowCEConsultation@buckinghamshire.gov.uk

Please tell us your views by 11:59pm on Thursday 26 March 2026.

What happens next

The Federated Governing Board of Holy Trinity and Little Marlow CE Schools, together with the Council and the ODBE, 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 within 2 months of the end of the representation period.

If the decision is taken to close the school, it is proposed that this would take effect on 31 August 2026.

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. Survey responses will be analysed using Microsoft products including Copilot, Excel and Word. 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 Little Marlow Church of England School?

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 Little Marlow Church of England School
- I work at Little Marlow Church of England School
- I am a Governor / Trustee for Little Marlow Church of England School
- I am a student at Little Marlow Church of England School
- I live near Little Marlow Church of England 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)
- Social media (Facebook, Twitter/X, Instagram, Nextdoor or LinkedIn)
- Buckinghamshire Council website or Your Voice Bucks website
- Email or newsletter from Buckinghamshire Council
- From Buckinghamshire Council staff or other professionals
- Through working at Buckinghamshire Council
- Poster or leaflet
- Friend or family member
- Local community or special interest group
- Councillor, town/parish council or community board
- 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 6)
- 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 **11:59pm on Thursday 26 March 2026.**

You can:

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