



STATUTORY NOTICE

Proposed closure of Westcott CE School, High Street, Westcott, Aylesbury HP18 0PH

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 the Governing Board of Westcott Church of England School intends to discontinue the following maintained community school with effect from 31 August 2024:

**Westcott CE School
High Street
Westcott
Aylesbury
HP18 0PH**

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. In addition, the school has been under a directive Academy Order, unfortunately it has not been possible to secure a Multi Academy Trust sponsor to take over the school for the reasons mentioned above. Also, the lease on part of the school site ends in 2032 and the landowner has confirmed that they do not intend to extend the lease beyond its expiry date.

Buckinghamshire Council has complied with all applicable statutory requirements to consult in connection with this proposal. At the conclusion of the Notice period, if 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: [buckinghamshire.gov.uk/westcott-ce-school-statutory-notice](https://www.buckinghamshire.gov.uk/westcott-ce-school-statutory-notice)

Email: westcottceconsultation@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: [buckinghamshire.gov.uk/westcott-ce-school-statutory-notice](https://www.buckinghamshire.gov.uk/westcott-ce-school-statutory-notice).

Alternatively, representations can be made by email to westcotteconsultation@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 11:59pm on 4th June 2024.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'John Macilwraith', is written in a cursive style.

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