

Wootton Lower School

Statutory proposal for Prescribed Alterations – Expansion

Full Proposal Document

Name and contact details of the Local Authority or governing body publishing the proposal:

Bedford Borough Council, Borough Hall, Cauldwell Street, Bedford MK42 9AP.

Name, address and category of the school

Wootton Lower School at Bedford Road, Wootton, MK43 9JT and at Harris Way, Wootton, MK43 9FZ. The school is a Community school.

Proposed implementation date

Proposed date of implementation is 1 September 2018.

Description of alteration and Evidence of Demand

It is proposed that, with effect from the 2018/2019 school year intake, the school should be expanded and its admission number should be permanently increased from 90 to 120. The current permanent capacity of the school is 450. The proposed final capacity will be 600. The current number of pupils registered at the school (as at February 2017) is 402. The current admission number for the school is 90 and the proposed admission number will be 120.

Objectives (including how the proposal would increase educational standards and parental choice);

The objective of the proposals is to fulfil the Council's statutory duties to provide sufficient school places in Bedford Borough. Like many areas in the country, Bedford Borough is experiencing an increase in demand for school places, particularly in Reception classes.

We wish to further improve the school by offering the current and future pupils improved facilities. Whilst there have been significant improvements to the curriculum and learning environment in the school over the past ten years, there is a wish to expand and reshape the buildings to further develop the innovative provision.

The school has sufficient space for expansion and is popular and successful. Expansion will give the school a larger budget, which will enable it to have a broader curriculum, with a greater variety of teaching expertise and specialisms; and enable more collaboration and sharing and observation of good practice by year-group teachers and teaching assistants

Related proposal

There are no related proposals

The effect on other schools, academies and educational institutions within the area

The proposal is not believed to have any adverse effect on other schools, academies and educational institutions.

Project costs and indication of how these will be met, including how long term value for money will be achieved;

The total capital cost of the project is £2,400,000 with all costs being met by the Local Authority.

Implementation and any proposed stages for implementation

The school will grow incrementally as shown in the table

	R	1	2	3	4	Capacity
2016	90	90	90	90	90	450
2017	90	90	90	90	90	450
2018	120	90	90	90	90	480
2019	120	120	90	90	90	510
2020	120	120	120	90	90	540
2021	120	120	120	120	90	570
2022	120	120	120	120	120	600

Statement on procedure for obtaining copies of this proposal.

Any person wanting a copy of this proposal can do so by contacting Fran Cox, Bedford Borough Council, Borough Hall, Cauldwell Street, Bedford MK42 9AP or by e-mailing: education@bedford.gov.uk

Statement on procedure for commenting on the proposal, either to object or support

Any person or organisation may object or make comments on the proposal can do by sending them to: Colin Foster, Assistant Director – Chief Education Officer, Children’s and Adults’ Services, Bedford Borough Council, Borough Hall, Cauldwell Street, Bedford MK42 9AP.

All comments must be received by 5pm on 20th March 2017