

Proposal to enlarge the premises of John Donne Church of England Voluntary Aided Lower School, Blunham to provide additional accommodation



Notice is given in accordance with section 19(1) of the Education and Inspections Act 2006 and the statutory guidance for proposers and decision makers 'Making prescribed alterations to maintained schools, April 2016' that Central Bedfordshire Council, Priory House, Monks Walk, Chicksands, Shefford, Beds SG17 5TQ intends to make a prescribed alteration to the John Donne Church of England Voluntary Aided Lower School, High Street, Blunham, Beds MK44 3NL from 1 September 2018.

The proposal is to enlarge the premises of John Donne Church of England Voluntary Aided Lower School by 1 classroom plus additional toilets to help accommodate year 6 children.

The school is to convert from a lower school, for ages 3 (nursery) to 9 (year 4), to a primary school, for ages 3 (nursery) to 11 (year 6) from 1 September 2017.

The current admission number for John Donne Church of England Voluntary Aided Lower School is 24. The admission number will remain at 24 following the school's conversion to primary status.

The current capacity of the school is 120 plus nursery aged children. Following conversion to primary status the capacity of the school will be 168 plus nursery aged children. The current number of pupils registered at the school is 62 plus 20 nursery children.

This Notice is an extract from the complete proposal. Copies of the complete proposal can be obtained from: The Information Manager, Central Bedfordshire Council, Room DC2, Watling House, High Street North, Dunstable, Beds LU6 1LF. It can also be viewed on the Council's website at

<http://www.centralbedfordshire.gov.uk/council/consultations/overview.aspx>

Within 4 weeks from the date of publication of these proposals, any person may object to or make comments on the proposal by using the on-line response facility available on the website or by sending them to the Director of Children's Services, Central Bedfordshire Council, Priory House, Chicksands, Shefford, Beds SG17 5TQ.

Signed: Sue Harrison

Director of Children's Services, Central Bedfordshire Council

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Explanatory notes:

In December 2016 the Governing Body of John Donne Church of England Voluntary Aided Lower School agreed to extend the age range of the school from 3 to 9 years (nursery to year 4) to 3 to 11 years (nursery to year 6) with effect from September 2017.

This is to be implemented in 2 stages: year 4 children will have the opportunity to move up into year 5 in September 2017 and then into year 6 in September 2018.

The school needs to enlarge its premises to help accommodate the additional children from September 2018.