



**The Headteacher and Chair of Governors of
all Central Bedfordshire, Nursery, Lower,
Middle, Upper and Special Schools**

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Our ref:

Date: 10th January
2011

Dear Headteacher and Chair of Governors

Central Bedfordshire Council's Scheme for Financing Schools

The Department for Education in December 2010 issued revised guidance for Local Authorities, stating what schemes must, should, or may include. Following the requirement to consult with Headteachers and governing bodies of every school maintained by the authority before they are submitted to the schools forum for their approval, Central Bedfordshire is now proposing the following main changes to their scheme for April 2011:-

- Schools must be allowed to opt out of LA Contracts
- Removal of FMSiS
- Encouragement of use of Procurement cards
- No longer a requirement for a clawback mechanism and LA's should consider relaxing existing mechanism
- Maximum length of deficit 3 years
- Inclusion of guidance relating to how costs of redundancies and early retirements should be funded

A copy of the proposed Central Bedfordshire's Scheme for Financing Schools with tracked changes is available on the Schools website.

If you have any comments regarding these proposed changes, I would be grateful if you could email these to me by 4th February 2011 in order for your responses to be collated and presented to the next Schools Forum Meeting on 7th March 2011.

Yours sincerely

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