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Proposal to extend the age range of Ashton Church of England Voluntary Aided Middle School from 9 - 13 years to 11 – 16 years to create a secondary school.

Notice is given in accordance with section 19(3) of the Education and Inspections Act 2006 that The Governing Body of Ashton Church of England Voluntary Aided Middle School intends to make a prescribed alteration to Ashton Church of England Voluntary Aided Middle School, High Street North, Dunstable, Bedfordshire LU6 1NH from 1 September 2015.

The proposal is to change the age range of Ashton Church of England Voluntary Aided Middle School by extending it from a 9 – 13 years middle school to an 11 – 16 years secondary school. As a consequence the school name will change from Ashton Church of England Voluntary Aided Middle School to The Frances Ashton Church of England Voluntary Aided Secondary School.

This is to be implemented as follows:

September 2014 -	Year 5 pupils admitted to Ashton Middle School for the last time.
September 2015 -	Year 8 pupils stay on into Yr 9 (school now Yrs 6-9)
September 2016 -	Year 9 pupils stay on into Yr 10 (school now Yrs 7-10)
September 2017 -	Year 10 pupils stay on into Yr 11 (school is a full Yr7-11 secondary school)

The current capacity of the school is 620 places and when the proposals are implemented the proposed capacity will be 450 (with capacity for some growth).

The current admission number for the school is 155 for year groups Yr 5-Yr 8. The proposed admission number will reduce to 90.

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 www.centralbedfordshire.gov.uk/schoolconsultations and the school website <http://www.ashtonmiddleschool.co.uk>

Within four weeks from the date of publication of this proposal, any person may object to or make comments on the proposal by sending them to The Deputy Chief Executive/Director of Children's Services, Central Bedfordshire Council, Priory House, Chicksands, Shefford, Bedfordshire, SG17 5TQ.

Signed: Roger Fox

Chair of Governors, Ashton Church of England Voluntary Aided Middle School

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Explanatory notes

It is proposed that extending the age range of Ashton Church of England Voluntary Aided Middle School from 9 – 13 years to 11 – 16 years will provide a smaller secondary faith school in the centre of the town, increasing choice for parents and addressing issues of school size and mix of age ranges. Building on current good progress whilst at Ashton Middle School, we will ensure good or better progress at KS4. Current planning indicates that the school, although smaller, would provide a full curriculum and would be financially viable.

Inspire all to flourish...

Our school is inspired by Christian values. We aim to work with parents, church and community to help each child flourish in all aspects of their lifelong development. We are an inclusive school valuing and respecting everyone equally and unconditionally. We teach pupils to set high expectations of themselves and show compassion towards others.

A member of the ten school partnership