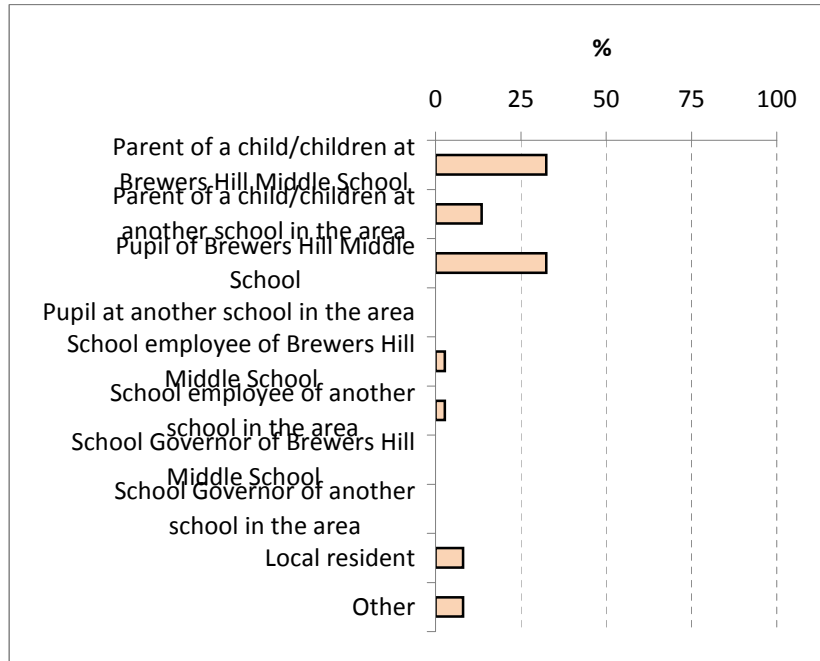


Appendix B

Brewers Hill final results
Based on 37 responses

Q1 - Are you:

		Frequency	Percent
Valid	Parent of a child/children at Brewers Hill Middle School	12	32.4
	Parent of a child/children at another school in the area	5	13.5
	Pupil of Brewers Hill Middle School	12	32.4
	Pupil at another school in the area	0	0.0
	School employee of Brewers Hill Middle School	1	2.7
	School employee of another school in the area	1	2.7
	School Governor of Brewers Hill Middle School	0	0.0
	School Governor of another school in the area	0	0.0
	Local resident	3	8.1
	Other	3	8.1
	Total	37	100.0

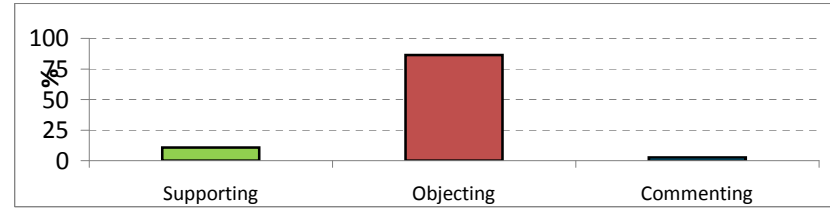


Q1.: If other, please specify

		Frequency
Valid	Ex employee of BHMS	1

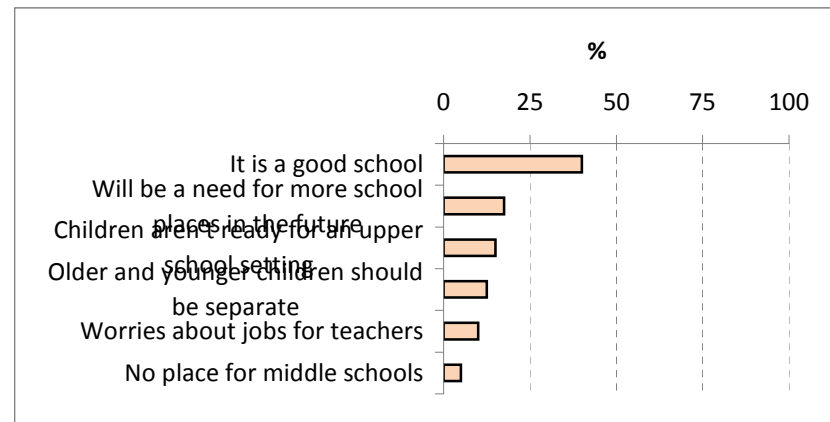
Q2 - Are you:

		Frequency	Percent
Valid	Supporting	4	10.8
	Objecting	32	86.5
	Commenting	1	2.7
	Total	37	100.0



Q3 - Please provide your comments below

		Frequency	Percent
Valid	It is a good school	16	40.0
	Will be a need for more school places in the future	7	17.5
	Children aren't ready for an upper school setting	6	15.0
	Older and younger children should be separate	5	12.5
	Worries about jobs for teachers	4	10.0
	No place for middle schools	2	5.0
	Total	40	100.0



Question three detailed responses:-

A supportive school which promotes good progress for all pupils in its care; it has been rated good by ofsted and it is a poor decision to close when demand for school places on the area is due to increase.

As a child growing up i experienced education at primary middle and secondary schools in their own individual establishments. The experience each age group needs to have can only be achieved in this way by keeping all educational establishments seperate. I personally feel that experience aswell as education is vital for children to develop accordingly. There is no real transition when educational institutes are combined. The excitement and joy my eldest experienced when leaving primary to join a middle school was very much apparant. Her behaviour matured aswell as her thinking. I remember myself at that age and how important i felt when making this transition. I really do feel that educational establishments should continue in their own age related tiers. My reasons for opposing may not seem old fashioned or irrelevant because education is paramount here but at the same time i truly believe the mind must be nurtured in order for education to be successful. Therefore i am v ery much against schools being combined in the way that is being planned as there will be no visible transition. I also dont like the idea of younger children mixing with older children. Yes entrance and exits may be different but at some point paths will cross. I feel safety will be compromised. Age groups should be kept seperate for their safety aswell as our peace of mind. Budget wise this may make sense to the council but our children should not be seen as a financial figure but as individuals we must help mould in order for them to become the beginning of a more promising future.

As a parent i beleive it is very important to allow my daughter to continue her education in school rated good by ofsted. My daughter is thriving at Brewers Hill. Brewers Hill is our local school and i beleive it to be a vital part of our community.

At BHMS I have experienced lots of things, one is that when we do P.E. we have first class sports facilities, as well as DT, textiles, art and cooking rooms, we also have science labs. As a school we were graded 'good' by Ofsted. On the other hand, schools like All Saints have 'room to improve'. If middle schools are closed, more people might be home schooled. I do not agree with the middle school closure, because if school like Brewers Hill gets closed for not having enough pupils then you build houses on our land, then surely you would need more schools for the pupils living there ? Children who stay in lower school until they are in year 6 have a disadvantge because they do not have changing rooms which means the boys and the girls have to get changed together. Also the pupils in year 6 will be treated like babies and will not have enough time to mature before going into year 7. So what are you as the council going to do about it? I suggest that yo u close all the failing schools or the schools that are not doing very well.

Brewers Hill has been the best school for me. It has helped me with a lot of stuff so I'm repaying the favour to not shut the school down. There has to be a mistake in the programmes because I can't see why you would want to shut down a great school. This school has been around for ages, it holds great memories from people's childhood. Brewers Hill was rated 'good' by Ofsted and any parent will tell you that this school should not be shut down, just like any other school in this area. It is well built and every staff member will need a new job, so what are you going to do about it? The place is well organised, so please don't shut it down, because not every parent will be able to pay for new uniforms etc. If we went to school with older puils we would be cautious in extra curriculum activites like dodge ball and other ball games where they are a lot stronger than

us. Middle schools have to be made to separate different needs and ages. I hope this persuaded you to stop your plans and discontinue the middle school changes, thank you for your time.

Brewers Hill is a good school which offers not only the smaller classes which allows our children to learn and progress better but also a very well managed after school club facilities for us parents who work full time. I have serious concerns on how our Dunstable schools are going to be able to cope with the suggested closures and the number of students that will require places within the schools remaining. Priory for instance is already bursting at the seams with the amount of children per class and from what I hear this has a serious affect on children that are not academic and struggle more than others as they do not receive the focus and attention needed. The upper and lower schools remaining apart from possibly Manshead have no room for extension to make room for extra pupils so where will this leave our children? I am not happy as a working mother to have my daughters walking miles to get to school and back especially with the current violence etc which is happening and threats with abduction. Parents deserve to know what is going to be available for pupils currently attending Brewers Hill, will all pupils be accommodated at All Saints or will they have to make their way to the other end of town? What will these other schools be offering in the way of after school clubs for working parents?

Brewers Hill Middle School really is in the heart of our community. The school boasts excellent facilities and has close links with Creasy Park football Centre, these are valuable assets in our community. The school continues to improve its standards despite being in a deprived area of Dunstable, currently rated GOOD by Ofsted. Most of the children attending BHM School live in walking distance of the school, walking to and from school is to be encouraged. Firstly because in our nation of overweight people, this supports the government champagne of healthier living. Secondly, children walking to school also avoids additional traffic going through Dunstable.

Can the council confirm how they will upgrade facilities at lower schools (years 5 and 6) to ensure that children are continually supported in development. I have a child at Brewers Hill and another child in lower school (which is converting to primary), the gap between the facilities is astonishing. Primary schools do not have science labs, specialist gyms, sports equipment, changing rooms or fully equipped IT suites. I would assume the council will be providing these schools and the upper schools that are extending ranges with additional funding to close the gap. Two questions, based on this point: 1. If the above is correct why, can that funding not be directed to Brewers Hill (who already have the facilities) to support the school until numbers increase 2. If the schools (with extend age ranges) are not being granted any additional funding, how are the local council going to ensure children in years 5 and 6 learn properly and in line with the curriculum

How can the council close schools whilst developers continue to build housing estates. What does this mean for the remaining schools. Can you guarantee these won't become oversubscribed and affect our children's education. Far too much pressure is put on children as it is without making it harder for them to learn!

I am a current pupil at Brewers Hill Middle School and have been for the last 3 years. In this time I have learned a lot about the school, therefore, I am unsure why you wish to close such a wonderful school. I do not agree with the closure because us pupils at Brewers Hill will have no place to learn from, because here we get the help we need, its a very bad idea to close the school. I suggest the school should be left as it is so the pupils here get the help they need at Brewers Hill, because if we don't it will be unfair, also it will be unfair to take our school away from us. I don't get why you want to close our school down because our school is out of the way and there are plenty of other building that are closed that can be built on, why does it have to be Brewers Hill, its a wonderful school, there is no better school than Brewers Hill so I suggest you go find a different school or builing to build on because Brewers Hill is not ready to close dow n. Brewers Hill is also a good place to soulate with other people for example we can talk to teacher when we need someone to talk to or we could talk to friends that is why Brewers Hill should not be closed. I think middle schools are good because you get better education for when you go to upper schools it helps us with the lessons upper in life. Here are some questions I would like an answer for; Why does it have to be Brewers Hill closing? Whats wrong with Brewers Hill? Why do you want to close our school?

I am a current pupil of BHMS and have been since 2011. I am confused as to why you choose to close the school. It is a wonderful place to be, as it is one of the few times I see my friends . I can see why you're doing it, but why bring back a system already in use in London that is over 50 years old. Due to the fact that you are closing middle schools, families may have to move out of Dunstable to find a new school, because the search for a new school will have 4 less schools on the list. If you know the building down, what will you do with the land? Houses are already being built, we have enough shops and because of the new houses we need schools. Another problem is, where can teachers go to work after the middles schools close. Our Oftsed of 'good' is the best in Dunstable , yet you are contemplating closing us down. The only solution I can think of is to turn Ashton, Streetfield, Caddington and Brewers Hill into academies.

I am currently a pupil at BHMS and have been here for the last 2 years. In this time I have achieved more levels and also I have been doing and achieving much more too, like getting certificates for stuff like pupil of the week, attendance prizes and other things. Therefore I an unsure as to why you wish to close down such an awesome school. I do not agree with the school closure because if I just went to upper school, after lower school, I will not learn as much, also there are things I am not ready for in upper school, like very hard work, hard homework, more homework and the one thing no one my age is ready for GCSEs ! I suggest that we should keep middle schools open, because children will learn more, children will achieve more and also children will understand more, children will know more, and children will be more and more ready for upper school, ESPECIALLY GCSEs. I think the school is awesome because there are lots and lots of very kind people here and very polite and very well behaved people here. Also I do not think the school should be closed because we have professional teachers so we can have an awesome life when we get older and who else are they going to use their professionl knowledge on if they cannot find anywhere else to go to teach children. If they actually cannot find anywhere else to go then they did all that learning for nothing and I will not see any of my friends ever again amd I am not ready to go to upper school especially I am not ready for GCESs and INJECTIONS

I am currently a pupil at BHMS. I have attended this school for the past 3 years and learnt a lot. I feel I have grown in this school therefore I do not want you to close the school because it gives pupils the opportunity to grow and mature. I don't agree with your proposal, because it doesn't benefit the children, adults or parents/carers in the area. This closure will affect the children, but subsequently the adults and also this is going to have a big effect on teachers. Where will they get their jobs? That's why I suggest we keep the middle schools, so that pupils like me get to grow in an environment where other children are growing at the same pace and also feel that they're still children. My personal experience is that middle schools give learning skills to children that you don't get in upper or primary schools. They give you growth, maturity, respect and many more experiences! For example at middle school I was given more responsibilities. So what I'm trying to say is that children need time to grow up. If you take the middle schools away children will have to grow up quicker than they should. If they decide to leave the area, the population of Dunstable will go down. Qualified teachers' talents will not be in use anymore, they might become teaching assistants, who knows. Not forgetting the parents, if you knock down the building the parents/carers will have to find a new school. If you close this school, what will you use all this land for? Building more houses? If the upper and primary schools are all full, what will the parents/carers do? Would they need to move out of Dunstable, what about the children? If everyone leaves, businesses will die out in Dunstable, because of the population. In primary school children wouldn't mature and they'll be treated like babies which will impact on the way they act in upper school. They wouldn't have much responsibility, they will expect adults to help them with their lunch and children would still want to sit on teachers' laps. In addition children may feel intimidated by the older pupils. They would feel left out and alone, that's why I believe if you close the middle schools you wouldn't be doing anyone any favours. Middle schools give children growth so that they have the ability and skill to go on further in life. Is your choice!

I am currently a pupil at BHMS. I have only been here for 9 weeks. During this short period of time I have experienced many educational but fun lessons. Some being cooking my own pasta dish, a variety of safe experiments in science, making our own movie trailer and taking part in 2 amazing art days. Therefore I am unsure as to why you wish to close such a perfect school. If middle schools across Dunstable were to close the loss of education would increase massively. For example, a child attending a middle school that gets closed may struggle getting a place at a local primary/secondary school. So they may have to join another school further away, this could cause many problems for the family. Personally I would feel very uncomfortable staying in a primary school until I was 11. I feel I would be babied and not treated my age. This could affect the amount of education I receive. Then going from a school where you get babied to a secondary school full of 18 year olds and being the youngest there seems to be a big change. There needs to be a middle school as this will affect many pupils learning in many different ways. One is bullying; for example if a child was being bullied, then they would not attend school as often as possible. Brewers Hill has so far helped me a lot. I have learnt so much in my little time here, it has been easy to make friends due to the small age gap in the school. I once attended a primary school whilst in yr 6 and I feel coming to a middle school has helped me to become more mature. So if middle schools are to be closed, many pupils will miss out on fantastic learning opportunities. I hope you take what I have said into consideration as Brewers Hill matters to me.

I am currently a pupil at Brewers Hill Middle School. I have been at Brewers Hill for 3 yrs and I have learnt a lot. I am going to inform you why you should not close Brewers Hill down. If you mix up different year groups things could get out of hand. There would be bigger year groups and lessons with more children in, additionally younger children could get bullied. I think that there should be a middle school because a lot of parents would have to find a new school and furthermore teachers will have to find new jobs. Also Brewers Hill have specialised teachers. All the pupils that go to Brewers Hill will suffer because it is such a good school. If you do close Brewers Hill there would be a lot of arguments because parents will not let Brewers Hill close down, they care about the school just like I do. On the other hand, it will cost a lot more money to make schools bigger, but there has to be more space to accommodate the extra children. If you do close Brewers Hill, you say that you want more people in Dunstable, but people will move to go to other schools. So do not close Brewers Hill, there are a lot of fantastic students and teachers and a lot of good things about this school. Do not close Brewers Hill Middle School.

I am currently a pupil of BHMS. I have been here for 3 years now and have not regretted a single minute of it. When I started Brewers Hill in 2011, I came up from my lower school and my family have seen it in me how much I've changed and developed as a person, how much I've learnt in 3 years is extraordinary. Brewers Hill was graded 'good' from Ofsted and we are the only school in Dunstable that got this positive comment from Ofsted. This shows me that the staff and pupils here work together to create a good and educational place to work. The things I have learnt since I have been at Brewers Hill are simply uncountable. From school work to extra-curricular activities I have learnt to work as part of a team and cooperate with different people. The reason as to why and how I have achieved so many high levels in all lessons is because of the extra tuition Brewers Hill offer in certain subjects. They helped me by understanding a problem in my work and developing it. One-to-one tuition has helped me a lot in the way I think about my work; it also got me a very good level in my SATS. The bright side of having middle schools is that its a very good stepping stone for all children coming up from lower schools as they get a lot more attention than they would at an upper school. On the other hand, the disadvantages of not having middle schools is that children from the age of reception to year 6 are having to stay in primary school, until the age of 11, which in my opinion is unnecessary. However children from upper school are going from the age of twelve, all the way up to 6th form. I don't get it why we don't just keep middle schools open as they are an excellent stepping stone for children.

I am currently at BHMS and I really think this school can't be closed. Its too good a school to be closed and if you do primary to upper school, thats too much of a big step for a child. If we keep middle schools then everyone will be joyful but if you don't its affecting our childhood and it will be a hard time for the parents and wi11 affect their jobs and then everyone will move out of Dunstable and go somewhere where they have middle schools and Dunstable will die, because people that have nothing to do with this will lose jobs or lose money or even move because they want their children to get the right education. Parents will have to leave their child home alone for 4 hours if their child goes to All Saints and you never know what your child could be doing in that big gap of time. If children do go to primary then upper they might get bullied about doing something babyish or try to be something their not, what if you don't fit in its like being an and surrounded by cats. If you do close BHMS there might be deaths and riots and most of all you're like a bully if you do this.

I feel that the school not financially-viable. Without children wanting to attend the school in large numbers, I can't see how staffing etc can be funded. Unfortunately, there is no place in Dunstable for middle schools and the powers to be at the school have not put together a robust plan to support it staying open

I fully support the proposal to close Brewers Hill Middle School. The changing nature of education in the town means that there is no need for middle school provision. The much reduced student numbers will mean that the school cannot provide a coherent curriculum that meets the needs of its pupils. The school should close as it is not educationally or financially viable.

I have been a pupil at BHMS for the past 3 years and in this time I have developed greatly as a person through activities such as; school productions, school trips, a tailored education, smaller class sizes and quality teachers who can provide a brilliant education. Therefore I am writing to question your proposition to close such a fantastic, wonderful, achieving school. I do not wish for the school to close as it will not only affect the hundreds of children who attend, but many of the families that will have to find new schools for their children. There is a drastic difference from being babied in lower school to preparing for life in the caring environment of a middle school, to finally the upper school that will be a summer haze, because of the extensive preparation you get in a middle school. Likewise, go from being babied in a primary school to be bullied in an upper school because you are not prepared. Furthermore this may cause people to leave the area to find a suitable school for their child, consequently all the new houses currently being constructed in the area will be built empty and remain empty! In addition, if people leave our wonderful town it will affect local businesses who are already struggling in today's economy. Brewers Hill is in a prime location at the heart of a thriving community. Newly constructed houses are being built near the school so when families move in and need a school for their children, they have to look no further than out of their window to see a marvellous school where any child (between 9 and 13, no matter their needs can achieve great things! Or they can gaze out of their window and stare upon a dormant, empty building that where once was the joyful sound of laughter, is now a piercing dead silence. This leads me to my next problem, what is to be done with the building? Surely you can build no more houses? As the more houses are built, the more children that you have to find a school for. Which subsequently leads me to my next point; overcrowded schools. For example, if you build a school for 100 children and then try and cram another 200 into that school, children will be worse off in terms of education, due to larger class sizes which means less focus on specific children. Our upper schools and lower schools are not built to be primary and secondary schools! Finally, please remember that BHMS is probably the best school in the Dunstable area as they are the only school to be Ofsted graded 'good'. So please, please answer me this.. why close such a phenomenal school down? . To summarise, we may not be the biggest of schools, or the most fancy, or the most wealthy for that matter, but when it comes down to the children, and to the education, we are the greatest of all time ! Thank you for taking the time to read this letter.

I have been at Brewers Hill for now for 3 years and I am concerned about the future of it. The reason for this is the school's potential closure, which I don't agree with. I also don't agree with the council of Dunstable closing all middle schools in Dunstable. One of the reasons for which I do not agree with this, is pupils my age and younger will be mixing with pupils 16+. This is a bad thing, because older pupils may smoke which can intimidate pupils my age. However smoking could be just the start. Next it could be crime, drugs and/or alcohol. The advantage for the council will be the saving of money on keeping the middle schools open, however there will also be a down side to this as parents will have to leave work while their child/children are out of school. Also, parents might not agree with mixing their children with much older students, so they could move out of Dunstable to get their child into a middle school where those rules do not apply. This would mean not many adults would shop around Dunstable so businesses will have to close down and Dunstable will die. My opinions and emotions I feel about the school closure, is that it isn't just affecting pupils and parents, but business owners and shops in Dunstable. I have learnt so many things at Brewers Hill and would greatly appreciate it if middle schools in Dunstable stayed open. In middle school you get so many opportunities to go places, such as France or even other foreign countries which in my opinion secondary schools do not offer as much of. My family have come to this school before me and said how disappointed they would be if the school was to close, as they have had so many good times here. I also have the question of what will happen to the land when all of the schools may have been demolished? At a secondary school, at lunch times there will be very little space for pupils to eat and play. I also get told now from friends that at lunch time it is regularly the case that they do not get a seat to eat their lunch. I also get told that they can barely play any games at lunch. In primary schools, children will sit on teachers laps and hold their hands when going to an assembly. Also older pupils in a primary school won't be able to play games that they would like, because of the safety of younger pupils. If this is the case then pupils won't mature until they leave to go to a secondary school, additionally, pupils could get bullied because of the way they act. They also might feel threatened or intimidated by older pupils as well as being scared going to school. So my point is closing Middle Schools in Dunstable will affect everybody.

I object to the closing of Brewers hill middle school on the basis the judgment and criteria used to evaluate closure has not been transparent or fair. Throughout the process we have been told that a number of factors would be considered before the option to close was put forward. Any evaluation of an education facility should include school performance, quality and variety of teaching, parent / child opinions as well as financial viability. It is my view that through the whole process all the council members have focused on is financial viability, there has been no consideration of children's wellbeing and progress (ultimately the most important factor here). I understand that financing of a school is an important point but by agreeing for other schools, whether under local control or central government (we must hold the council accountable for both) to extend their age ranges, a self fulfilling prophecy has been created. In simple terms by allowing other schools to expand age ranges and notifying parents (both at the school and due to attend) of the attention to consult on closure they have accelerated the reduction in pupil numbers. Its my view that this action both in its timing and approach was calculated and has resulted in a significant impact on the result of the consultation.

I object to the closure of a school providing a good education in the north of the town where little else of quality has been proposed to provide for those pupils affected.

My son has settled into Brewers Hill, even though it wasn't our choice of school, it has turned out to be for the best. He gets on with the teachers (mostly!) and enjoys the learning. He is not ready to move to a larger school which will have double the pupils compared to Brewers Hill, not ready mentally or emotionally. If Brewer's Hill was to stay open as the type of school they want to then this can only be of benefit to the students attending now and in the future. Staying here until he is 18 years old would give him continuous learning in an environment he is used to with teachers he is also used to. I fear if he does have to move schools I will have no choice to homeschool him which will have a detrimental affect on his learning as I do not have the capabilities nor the knowledge of a teacher. I hope Brewers Hill does stay open for selfish reasons yes, but, my son's education and mental welfare are very important to me and not every decision the council make can be based on money.

Some of the lower schools are not yet ready so you are forcing our children to be used as guinea pigs for these schools. Why close the only middle school that has a good Ofsted?

The voting process for consultation is not clear or transparent. It should be shared with the wider community (posted online) which members of the children's service council are entitled to vote and once complete who has voted for which outcome. From the information I have seen and the meetings I have been too there is a concerning political undertone to the debates, with people voting based on central government policy rather than the wellbeing and progress of the children. Lets make it clear so when we as local residents have our next vote we can be clear on which party is supporting the local community and has the interest of our children at heart.

This school has served my three children very well We are sending our youngest there in sept And feel this school is located in an ideal area

Why does the school have to be closed down, and what will happen to the students who are currently studying there?