

LIST OF ENCLOSED DOCUMENTS RE:

BEDGROVE JUNIOR SCHOOL CHANGING STATUS TO FOUNDATION SCHOOL

- Minutes of Governors Meeting held on 28th January 2003
- Letter sent out to all concerned with change of status
- Minutes of Public Meeting held on Wednesday 5th March 2003
- Letter to parents dated 17th March 2003
- Statutory Notice 3rd April 2003 placed in Bucks Herald and outside school entrances
- Schools within close proximity of Bedgrove Junior School including Age Range, Capacity, School Roll and LEA Numbers
- Projections for above school's admissions for the next five years
- Costing involved
- Summary of last Ofsted Inspection – September 2002
- Map of Aylesbury showing Bedgrove Junior School and schools within close proximity

SPRING TERM 2003

BUCKINGHAMSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

MINUTES of the meeting of the Governors of Bedgrove Junior School held at the School on Tuesday, 28 January 2003.

PRESENT:	Dr A Benbow (Chairman)	Mr P Gausden
	Mrs D Brooks	Mrs D Kerr
	Mrs M Danby	Mrs A Nicholson
	Mrs J Eager	Mr M Sage
	Mrs H Fern	Mr N Smith
	Mr D S G Fiske	Mrs E Ward
	Mrs A Forrester	Mr A Williard
IN ATTENDANCE:	Mrs E Fiske	(Deputy Headteacher/Observer)
	Mrs P Sale	(Clerk to Governors)
ABSENT:	Mr P Dean	(Apologies received and accepted)

The Chairman welcomed Mrs Danby to her first meeting of the Governing Body as the new Additional Co-opted Governor nominated by Aylesbury Town Council.

	ACTION
<p>1. CO-OPTION OF GOVERNOR</p> <p>There being a 2/3rds quorum present Governors co-opted Mrs Danby. onto the Governing Body.</p>	
<p>2. NOTIFICATION OF ANY OTHER BUSINESS</p> <p>It was agreed that the following items would be discussed under Any Other Business:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">i. Foundation Statusii. Safety of Staff in School	
<p>3. MINUTES AND MATTERS ARISING</p> <p>The Minutes of the meeting held on 12 November 2002, having been circulated, were confirmed and signed by the Chairman as a correct record.</p> <p>An additional copy of the Minutes was signed by the Chairman and handed to the Headteacher for display at the school.</p> <p>Matters Arising</p> <p>There were no matters arising.</p>	Headteacher

ACTION

24.1. FOUNDATION STATUS

The Chairman reminded Governors that this issue had been considered quite fully in the past and after more consideration it was agreed to proceed with a consultation in relation to changing to foundation status on a date to be agreed with Bedgrove Infant School Governing Body. The consultation period would last one month at which time the responses would be reviewed with a view to deciding whether further consultation was required. The result of the responses would be considered at a public meeting.

24.2. SAFETY OF STAFF IN SCHOOL

Minute No. 5 refers.

24.3. MR ROBERTS

Governors were advised that Mr Roberts had completed 25 years service with Bucks County Council and would be going to a presentation ceremony the following week. It was agreed that the Chairman would write, on behalf of Governors, to congratulate him on this achievement.

Chairman

24.4. SCHOOL ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

The Chairman would keep Governors and staff informed of his negotiations regarding this celebration.

Chairman

The meeting closed at 10.10pm

Signed Date
CHAIRMAN

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10th February, 2003

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN

Dear Sir/Madam,

The government is on record as stating that good schools should be able to earn "autonomy" over the national curriculum and teachers' pay and conditions. This is included in the latest Education Act and the logical first step is to change status to a Foundation School. By becoming a Foundation School a school does not isolate itself from local schools or the local community, and there will be an increased enthusiasm to explore constructive partnerships which will be of value to the school. As a Foundation School we will maintain a constructive relationship with the LEA. Foundation Status means that schools will:

- Have the flexibility to direct resources to suit their particular needs
- Have the freedom to take informed professional judgements and decisions
- Receive direct funding through a transparent national formula
- Develop their own ethos
- Act as their own admission authorities
- Find and make effective partnerships
- As the direct employer of staff, build loyal and effective teams


The governing body has carefully considered the option of Foundation Status and fully supports this consultation process. The consultation period will end on Thursday 13th March at 3.30 p.m. This period could be extended dependent upon the nature of responses.

There will be a public meeting for all interested parties on Wednesday 5th March at 4.00 p.m. at the school.

Please note that Bedgrove Infant School is also consulting on this issue and has written similarly and has scheduled a public meeting on 5th March at 3.30 p.m.

If you have any questions or concerns about this matter please do not hesitate to contact the school.

Yours faithfully,



D. S. G. FISKE

Distribution List

All parents of pupils at this school
Bedgrove Residents Association
Chief Education Officer
Turnfurlong Infant School
Turnfurlong Junior School
William Harding Combined School
St. Joseph's Infant School
St. Edward's Junior School
Broughton Infant School
Broughton Junior School

Weston Turville Combined School
Stoke Mandeville Combined School
Bierton Combined School
The Grange School
Aylesbury Grammar School
Aylesbury High School
Paul Holmes, School Organisation
The Church of the Holy Spirit
Limes Avenue Baptist Church
Our Lady of Lourdes Church

FOUNDATION SCHOOL STATUS

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY 5TH MARCH AT 4pm

BEDGROVE JUNIOR SCHOOL

Present:- Mr Peter Dean (Vice Chairman of Governors)
Mrs Eirwen Fiske (Deputy Headteacher of Bedgrove Junior School)

Also present:- Mrs Barbara Capstick (Headteacher of Bedgrove Infant School)
Mrs Theresa Headley (Secretary)
Six audience

The meeting opened at 4.05pm with Mrs Fiske welcoming everyone.

An outline of why Bedgrove Junior School was consulting on becoming a Foundation Status School was given. One of the main reasons is to allow pupil's education to continue across Key Stages between two schools working closely together. When the school was over subscribed pupils from Bedgrove Infant School would have priority over those pupils seeking admission from other Junior Schools who were using the distance from home to school rather than other criteria.

Questions were asked on how Foundation Status would effect Staffing, Payroll, Human Resources, and Services. Mr Dean and Mrs Fiske assured the audience that Foundation Status would not effect any of the above but more importantly, not the teaching and learning within the school.

Mr Dean assured the audience that the budget was in a healthy state and there was no risk of going over budget. Foundation Status made no difference to the budget. As now, all building or maintenance works, services etc would still go through the tendering process.

Mrs Fiske, answering a question on class numbers, said that classes should not go over thirty pupils.

As there were no more questions, Mrs Fiske thanked people for attending and the meeting closed at 4.30pm.

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17th March 2003

Dear Parents,

The Consultation Period for Bedgrove Junior School changing to Foundation Status ends on Thursday 13th March 2003. All Parents, Local Schools, Churches, the Local Community, the Director of Education for Buckinghamshire and the Chairman of Buckinghamshire School Organisation have all been consulted. A public meeting was held on Wednesday 5th March at 4.00 p.m. in the school hall at Bedgrove Junior School. The Minutes are attached to this letter. In light of the positive response of the Consultation Period the Governing Body have decided to pursue Foundation Status.

We will keep you informed of future developments.

Yours sincerely,

G. E. Fiske (Deputy)

P.P. D. S. G. FISKE

STATUTORY NOTICE

TO CHANGE THE CATEGORY OF A MAINTAINED SCHOOL

BEDGROVE JUNIOR SCHOOL GOVERNING BODY

Notice is hereby given in accordance with paragraph 2 of Schedule 8 to the School Standards and Framework Act 1998 that Bedgrove Junior School Governing Body propose that Bedgrove Junior School shall change category and have made the following proposals for that purpose:

That with effect from 1st September 2003 the school shall become a Foundation school.

It is proposed that the school should change category because:

The Government is on record as stating that good schools should be able to 'earn autonomy' over the National Curriculum and teachers' pay and conditions, and would mean the school will:-

- Have the flexibility to direct resources to suit their particular needs
- Have the freedom to take informed professional judgements and decisions
- Receive direct funding through a transparent national formula
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The current admission authority for the school is Buckinghamshire Local Education Authority. After the change in category is implemented this will become Bedgrove Junior School Governing Body.

The school will not have a foundation; this means that the land will be vested in the Governors who will also employ staff and become the admissions authority for the school.

Within two months after the date of publication of these proposals, any person may object to the proposals by sending their objection to c/o Mr Raj Potat, Secretary of School Organisation Committee, County Hall, Exchange Street, Aylesbury, Bucks, HP20 1UA.

Signed

A. G. Benbow

for the Governing Body

A.G. Benbow
Chairman of Governors

Date

2nd April 2003

SCHOOLS WITHIN A CLOSE PROXIMITY OF BEDGROVE COUNTY JUNIOR SCHOOL
AS MARKED ON MAP

Capacity, Age Range and School Role No. of each school

	<u>Age Range</u>	<u>Capacity</u>	<u>School Role</u>
Ashmead Combined	4 - 11	503	441
Bedgrove Infant	4 - 7	330	407
Bedgrove Junior	7 - 11	440	435
Bierton Combined	4 - 11	265	242
Broughton Infant	4 - 7	225	195
Broughton Junior	7 - 11	270	244
Elmhurst Infant	4 - 7	189	168
Elmhurst Junior	7 - 11	242	171
Oak Green	4 - 11	392	430
St. Edwards	7 - 11	260	258
St. Josephs	4 - 7	225	213
St. Louis	4 - 11	208	213
Stoke Mandeville	4 - 11	210	233
Turnfurlong Infant	4 - 7	288	270
Turnfurlong Junior	7 - 11	349	360
Weston Turville	4 - 11	210	210
William Harding Infant and Junior	4 - 11	630	740

SCHOOL LEA NUMBERS

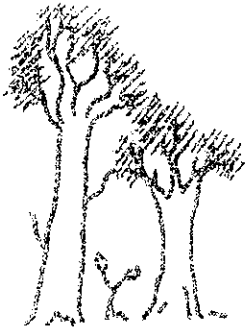
· Ashmead	825 / 2286
Bedgrove Infant	825 / 2175
Bedgrove Junior	825 / 2169
Bierton Combined	825 / 3022
Broughton Infant	825 / 2179
Broughton Junior	825 / 2152
· Elmhurst Infant	825 / 2201
· Elmhurst Junior	825 / 2181
· Oak Green	825 / 2001
St. Edwards	825 / 3367
St. Josephs	825 / 3372
· St. Louis	825 / 3376
Stoke Mandeville	825 / 2108
Turnfurlong Infant	825 / 2289
Turnfurlong Junior	825 / 2280
Weston Turville	825 / 3030
William Harding Infant	825 / 2287
William Harding Junior	825 / 2288

Analysis on Schools within a 2 mile radius of Bedgrove Infant School

Author : Stephen Chainani
 Filename : ...\[Bedgrove - 2 Mile Radius Data.Xls]Analysis
 Current Academic Year (2002/03 = 2003) 2003
 Last Updated : 06-Jun-03
 Data Requested by: Barbara Capstick

The data below relates to schools within a 2 mile radius of Bedgrove Infant School.
 The net capacity figures have not yet been finalised and may be subject to change.
 Further, the information provided below excludes all nursery provision.

<i>School</i>	<i>Type</i>	<i>Number of year groups</i>	<i>Admission Number Sept 2003</i>	<i>Net Capacity Jan 2003</i>	<i>Number on Roll April 2003</i>	<i>Apr 2003 Surplus/ Deficit Places</i>	<i>Number on Roll April 2004</i>	<i>Number on Roll April 2005</i>	<i>Number on Roll April 2006</i>	<i>Number on Roll April 2007</i>	<i>Number on Roll April 2008</i>	<i>Apr 2008 Surplus/ Deficit Places</i>
Ashmead Combined	Combined	7	70	503	436	67	431	424	414	405	399	104
Bedgrove Infant	Infant	3	110	330	353	-23	352	352	349	347	344	-14
Bedgrove Junior	Junior	4	110	440	434	6	419	413	401	397	398	42
Bierton CE Combined	Combined	7	40	265	268	-3	278	288	278	279	278	-13
Broughton Infant	Infant	3	75	225	190	35	191	174	161	165	172	53
Broughton Junior	Junior	4	75	270	243	27	227	213	212	201	199	71
Elmhurst Infant	Infant	3	60	189	128	61	122	127	128	129	129	60
Elmhurst Junior	Junior	4	67	242	168	74	157	143	140	139	134	108
Oak Green	Combined	7	60	420	348	72	319	335	326	315	301	119
St Edward's Catholic Junior	Junior	4	65	270	257	13	264	225	207	193	183	87
St Joseph's Catholic Infant	Infant	3	75	225	181	44	160	175	174	172	164	61
St Louis Catholic Combined	Combined	7	30+2	208	207	1	208	213	214	220	225	-17
Stoke Mardeville Combined	Combined	7	30	210	234	-24	225	222	210	210	210	0
Turnfurlong Infant	Infant	3	90	288	280	8	269	265	259	251	246	42
Turnfurlong Junior	Junior	4	90	360	356	4	357	348	336	328	315	45
William Harding Combined	Combined	7	90	630	688	-58	689	676	650	648	654	-24
Total				5075	4771	304	4667	4591	4459	4400	4351	724



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9th June, 2003

There has been no costs involved in Bedgrove Junior School change of category, except for the cost of the Statutory Notice in the Bucks Herald of £280.00.



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