

LIST OF ENCLOSED DOCUMENTS RE:-

BEDGROVE INFANT SCHOOL CHANGING STATUS TO FOUNDATION SCHOOL

- Minutes of Governors Meeting held on 6th February 2003
- Letter sent out to all concerned with change of status
- Minutes of Public Meeting held on Wednesday 5th March 2003
- Minutes of Governors Meeting held on March 13th 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 Infant 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 1998
- Map of Aylesbury showing Bedgrove Infant School and schools within close proximity

6th February 2003

	ACTION
<p>Conduct and Discipline of Employees in Schools</p> <p>Governors noted the Appendix and delegated responsibility to the Personnel Committee to review the procedure and bring their recommendations back to the Governing Body for approval.</p>	Personnel Committee Clerk-Agenda
<p>Recruitment of Employees in Schools (other than Headteachers/Deputy Headteachers)</p> <p>Governors noted the Appendix and delegated responsibility to the Personnel Committee to review the procedure and bring their recommendations back to the Governing Body for approval.</p> <p>The Headteacher would draw the revised procedures and guidance to all employees' attention.</p>	Personnel Committee Clerk-Agenda Headteacher
<p>9. ADMISSION ARRANGEMENTS</p> <p>Governors noted the Appendix and agreed the standard admission number of 110 which would bring the School into line with the Junior School.</p> <p>Governors agreed that the Headteacher would respond to the consultation document after discussion with the Chairman and Vice-Chairman.</p>	Headteacher
<p>10. FOUNDATION STATUS</p> <p>The Headteacher reminded Governors that discussion had taken place in the past on the subject of the school changing to foundation status. Governors were advised about a meeting which had taken place about this subject. A copy of the information pack received at this meeting is enclosed with these minutes.</p> <p>Discussion took place and it was noted that if both the Infant and Junior Schools changed to foundation status they would be able to ensure that all children from the Infant School would automatically obtain places at the Junior School. This caused problems every year as not all the Infant School pupils wishing to move to the Junior School were successful.</p> <p>Governors agreed to proceed with a consultation in relation to changing to foundation status from Tuesday, 11 February 2003. 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.</p>	Clerk



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Headteacher:- Mrs Barbara Capstick

11th February 2003

Dear Sir / Madam,

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN

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 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 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
- Develop their own ethos
- Act as their own admissions authorities
- Find and making 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. The consultation period will end on Thursday 13th March at 3.30pm. 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 3.30pm at our school. Please note Bedgrove Junior School is also consulting on this issue and has written similarly and scheduled a Public Meeting on the 5th March at 4.00pm.

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

Mrs Barbara Capstick
Headteacher

cc Sue Imbriano – Director of Education
Paul Holmes – School Organisation
Bedgrove Residents Association
Church of the Holy Spirit
Limes Avenue Baptist Church
Governors of Bedgrove Infant School
Parents of Bedgrove Infant School
Staff of Bedgrove Infant School

Broughton Infant
St. Edwards
Stoke Mandeville
Turnfurlong Junior
William Harding Infant
William Harding Junior
Grammar School
Bierton School

Broughton Junior
St. Josephs
Turnfurlong Infant
Weston Turville
Lady of Lourdes Church
High School
The Grange School

FOUNDATION SCHOOL STATUS

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

BEDGROVE INFANT SCHOOL

Present:- Mrs Barbara Capstick (Headteacher of Bedgrove Infant School)
Mrs Eirwen Fiske (Deputy Headteacher of Bedgrove Junior School)
Mrs Theresa Headley (Secretary and Governor of Bedgrove Infant School)
Mrs Anne Worrell (Governor of Bedgrove Infant School)
Thirteen audience

The meeting opened at 3.30pm with Mrs Capstick welcoming everyone.

Mrs Capstick gave an outline of why Bedgrove Infant School was consulting on becoming a Foundation Status School. 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. Mrs Capstick told the audience that a new Bucks Admission Policy was in the draft process and out to consultation to a variety of audiences.

Other questions included how Foundation Status affected Staffing, Payroll, Human Resources, and Services. Mrs Capstick assured the audience that Foundation Status would not effect any of the above but more importantly, not the teaching and learning within the school.

Mrs Capstick informed the audience that on Friday 14th March, Mr Fiske and Mrs Capstick would be attending a Conference in London for Foundation Status Schools to gain more knowledge.

A question was asked on how high a priority on Bedgrove Infant's admission criteria would a child be who has a sibling attending Bedgrove Junior School.

Concern from the audience was expressed that children who lived in the catchment area but did not attend Bedgrove Infant School would have priority over pupils at Bedgrove Infant School. Mrs Capstick said that this would need to be discussed at a later date by the Governors and Mr Fiske.

As there were no further questions Mrs Capstick thanked everyone for coming and said if there were any further queries please come and see her.

The meeting closed at 4.10pm.

BEDGROVE COUNTY INFANT SCHOOL

MINUTES OF GOVERNORS MEETING PRIOR TO TRAINING MARCH 13TH 7.30PM

AGENDA

1.0 Foundation Status School

2.0 Nord Anglia

Present:- Barbara Capstick Nem Shah Judy Gurney Theresa Headley
Paul Gausden Ray Thirkettle David Richards Anne Worrell
Jan Knight Karen Jones Andrew Hillcoat Bridgett Glanville
Catherine Wren

Apologies:- Marion Allan Wendy Jarvis David Elliott Carol Billington

1.0 Foundation Status School

Mrs Capstick circulated the minutes from the Public Meeting and informed the Governors of all who had been consulted. Mrs Capstick informed the Governors that the only comments she had received were very positive and in full support of the Infant School seeking Foundation Status. This included comments from Parents, Governors, the Community and other Headteachers from local schools.

The Governors agreed that in light of the positive response to the Consultation Period the Governing Body will pursue Foundation Status.

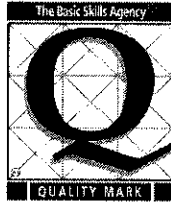
The Governors not present would be sent the letter that will be distributed to all parents on Monday 17th March to seek their comments.

2.0 Nord Anglia

The Governors having read the information concerning Payroll, Human Resources and Nord Anglia agreed to transfer from Aylesbury Vale to Nord Anglia from 1st April 2003. The Contract is initially for one year.



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17th March 2003

Dear Parents,

The Consultation Period for Bedgrove Infant 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 3.30pm in the school hall at Bedgrove Infant 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.

Mrs Barbara Capstick

Headteacher

STATUTORY NOTICE

TO CHANGE THE CATEGORY OF A MAINTAINED SCHOOL

BEDGROVE INFANT 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 Infant School Governing Body propose that Bedgrove Infant 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
- Develop their own ethos
- Act as their own admissions authorities
- Find and making effective partnerships

The current admission authority for the school is Buckinghamshire Local Education Authority. After the change in category is implemented this will become Bedgrove Infant 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



for the Governing Body

Nem Shah
Chairman of Governors

Date 3rd April 2003 .

SCHOOLS WITHIN A CLOSE PROXIMITY OF BEDGROVE COUNTY INFANT 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 Mandeville 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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There have been no costs involved in Bedgrove Infant School change of category, except for the cost of the Statutory Notice in the Bucks Herald of £280.00.