

**Letters written to schools not originally consulted by Bedgrove Junior
and Bedgrove Infant School regarding their change of status**



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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
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 Church of the Holy Spirit
 Limes Avenue Baptist Church
 Governors of Bedgrove Infant School
 Parents of Bedgrove Infant School
 Staff of Bedgrove Infant School

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 Stoke Mandeville
 Turnfurlong Junior
 William Harding Infant
 William Harding Junior
 Grammar School
 Bierton School

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10th February, 2003

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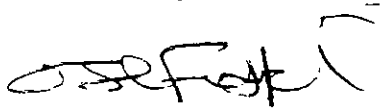
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Yours faithfully,



D. S. G. FISKE

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