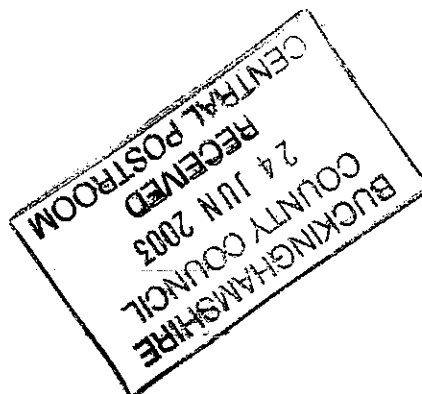


Letters of support from parents
for Bedgrove Junior and Infant School change of status to foundation

23 June 2005

Mr Raj Popat
Legal Services (Education)
Buckinghamshire County Council
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Dear Mr Popat

Bedgrove County Infant & Junior Schools – APPLICATION FOR FOUNDATION STATUS

As parents of a child currently attending Bedgrove County Infant School, we hereby advise of strong support in favour of the school being granted foundation status. We believe that the autonomy granted the schools in terms of channeling funds appropriately as well as more authority over admission to the schools would benefit both children and parents in the long term. Whilst the school already has a well-established ethos and highly professional staff, we understand that these areas of the school would be further enhanced by achieving foundation status.

As we are presently out of catchment, foundation status would better ensure that our children would enjoy continuity in their education on transfer to junior school. We are strongly in favour of this.

Yours sincerely

Hagerman *Samantha Hagerman*

Rob & Samantha Hagerman

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18/6/2003

Dear Mr Popat

Re: BEDGROVE INFANT AND JUNIOR SCHOOL
APPLICATION FOR FOUNDATION STATUS

As a parent of a pupil attending Bedgrove Junior School, I write in support of their application for foundation status.

The schools are both successful with strong management teams and I feel that more independence gained will be put to good use to further enhance their reputations as effective schools.

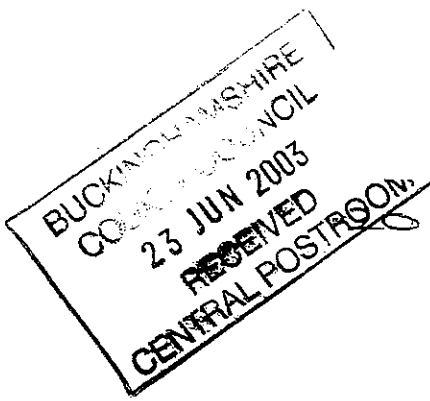
If they are able to manage their own admissions, they will also be able to guarantee that a child entering at age 4 will have a smooth passage through primary years, which would be reassuring for the child and parents. The school intake is considerably larger than the numbers of children in the catchment area, so acceptance into the Infant school will ensure there is no disruption at the move to Junior school in Year 3. This is also the benefit to the staff of continuity of education and the classes being more settled as the children know each other well.

These schools have served the community well and have the vision to see how they could carry on doing so and I hope that they are successful in their applications.

Yours Sincerely



Mrs Marion Mayhew



20th June 2003

Dear Mr Popat,

Re: Beadgrove Infant + Junior School application for Foundation Status.

I am writing to give my full support to the Headteachers + Governors of both schools application for Foundation Status.

I feel it is vital that the schools have:

- the flexibility to direct their resources to suit their particular needs
- develop their own ethos,
- make effective partnerships
- have the freedom to take informed professional judgments + decisions.

On a personal issue, I am extremely concerned that approx. 15 children from Beadgrove Infants School did not obtain a place at the Junior School due to children transferring from other local schools. I have a son at the Infants School + we live out of catchment. He would be devastated if he did not go to the Junior School with his friends. I do not think at 7 years of age that we should be damaging ~~our~~ children emotionally + disrupting their education. Foundation Status will allow both schools to act as their own admissions authority + hopefully stop this practice. We get no chance with our children, + I feel Foundation Status will be for the advantage of our children.

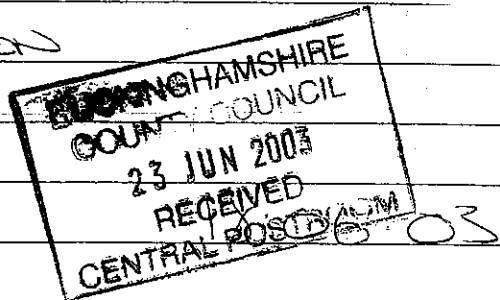
Yours sincerely,

Suzanne Ware

MICHAEL POHNT
RAMEL HOLMES

SCHOOL ORGANISATION
COMMITTEE

COUNTY HALL
WALTON STREET
WYLESBORO



Dear Mr Holmes

As the parent of a pupil at
Bedgrave Infant School and
not in the catchment area, the
thought of the schools becoming
foundation schools makes me
extremely hopeful!

My daughter started the nursery
just after her 4th birthday and
has settled in really well. Bedgrave
is an excellent school in all.

areas and she is doing very well and most importantly she enjoys her day. As well as this she has made lots of friends.

The thought of her not being able to get into the Junior School in 2 yrs time is a constant worry to me. She is a sensitive little girl and I am not sure how this would affect her. I realise that at present the decision is out of my hands and know that I will just have to face the consequences if and when they happen.

Starting school is a very traumatic experience for any 4½ year old (and their parents) and it is very reassuring to know that there may now be a possibility that she could spend her junior

school years at the school of
our choice and at which she
is extremely happy

Starting a new school with friends
she knows would certainly make
her little life easier and
would prevent her from having
to start all over again in a
couple of years time.

Yours sincerely
Mrs J Page
(A very hopeful parent!)

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18th June, 2003

Re: Foundation Status Bedgrove Schools

Dear Mr Popat,

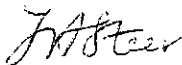
I am writing to you, as I am keen to write and express my wholehearted support for the application for foundation status by the Bedgrove Schools.

The schools have worked hard over many years to continuously improve the service they provide to our children, and I am confident as a parent that the schools will use foundation status to the best effect in continuing their outstanding work. In my opinion, the flexibility foundation status would give the schools, particularly in respect to receiving and using direct funding, is essential for their continued evolution of a success ethos. Furthermore, it is ever more clear to me (working in the NHS), that the people to make the best decisions regarding particular needs and directing resources to those areas are those working at the 'ground roots' level.

In addition, the most distressing aspect of the system as it currently stands for parents, is that having been given the choice of infant schools, the choice does not automatically carry over to junior school. This must change, as at the end of the day, it is the children who suffer when faced with being uprooted at a time in their lives when they have become so entwined in the community of Bedgrove Schools. This cannot be allowed to happen in the best interests of all children.

I hope the schools are successful in their bid for foundation status. They certainly deserve it.

Yours sincerely,



Jane Steer MSc MB BS MRCPATH

22 June 2003

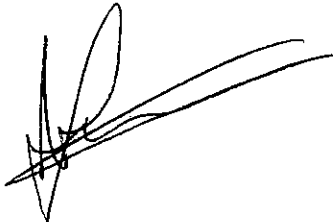
Dear Mr Popat,

I am writing this letter to offer my support Bedgrove Infant and Junior Schools request for foundation status. I believe such action will be of great benefit to both schools and I list below the many points that illustrate the main benefits.

- 1) The schools will be able to create their own ethos - or more importantly build on the wonderful ethos they currently have, which will benefit all the pupils.
- 2) It will allow the schools to select the pupils they wish to take. I think this is very important for parents such as me who live out of the catchment area.
- 3) The children will be comfortable in a similar surrounding from the ages of 4 to 11, as the interaction of both schools will ensure the transition as children get older will be less.
- 4) They will have the flexibility to direct their resources to where they are needed most, as and when required.
- 5) The heartache of appeal to the junior school (which we had to go through this year) will be removed.
- 6) The schools will have the freedom to make informed professional judgements and decisions.
- 7) The schools will also be able find suitable and effective partnerships to make them run as smoothly as possible.

In my opinion, the standard of care and education provision given by both schools is exemplary, and were the main reasons I wanted my children educated there. By allowing the schools to have foundation status, this will give both schools the opportunity to improve even more the levels of service they provide, and where they can pool resources they will be able to channel effort to other areas where necessary.

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Alan Jones', with a long, sweeping flourish extending to the right.

Alan Jones

AYLESBURY 23/06/03

From :

TO: MR RAJ POBAT
Legal services (Education)

SIR

I am writing this letter to thank you and thank the school about my daughter: YASMINE BENDRAZ, as she is a pupil in Bedgrove school Foundation 2. It's really a good idea to transfer her automatically to junior school because it is not easy for her to go to different school, different teachers and pupils. and I am thanking you again for your support to Bedgrove infant and junior school, as we believe it has a very good reputation, and very good standard of education.

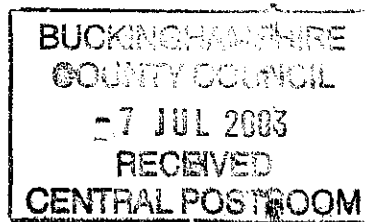
yours sincerely

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M-BENDRAZ

Mr Raj Popat
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30th June 2003



Dear Mr Popat,

I am writing to you to support both Bedgrove Infants and Bedgrove Juniors in gaining Foundation Status. At present I have a six-year-old attending the infant school and a three-year old that I hope will be joining the school in due course.

I strongly agree with the whole ethos of Foundation Status and therefore believe that a successful school should have the flexibility to direct resources to suit their particular needs, thus giving them the freedom to make informed their own professional decisions involving their school.

I also feel very strongly that a child who starts one school should have the right to stay with their friends right through to the age of 11. I feel that changing schools at 7 or 8 years old to another school where they know no one can be extremely difficult both for child and parent.

As we do live outside Bedgrove catchment area I am particularly concerned about the latter comment, both with regard to my eldest being accepted into the junior school and for my youngest son being accepted into the infants. I could not imagine finding different schools for neither of them nor the possibility of them attending different schools from each other.

I have the highest of regard for Mrs Capstick and her staff, as have the parents of pupils of the juniors regarding their Headteacher, and would therefore like both my children to have this high level of education that is on offer right through to the age of 11.

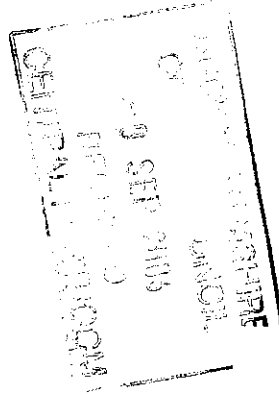
I believe that by awarding Foundation Status to these schools would only improve things further.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Sheryll Smith', written in a cursive style.

Mrs Sheryll Smith

Mr Raj Popat
School Organisation Secretary
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08th September 2003

Dear Mr Popat,

We feel that it is very important for the continuity of children in their learning environment between the ages of 5 and 11 years, and therefore feel that Bedgrove Infant School would greatly benefit from the Foundation Status. Giving continuity and routine develops their confidence and mind as well as helping to keep concentration.

We live on the Hawkslade Estate in Aylesbury and felt that both the results not to mention the many good reports we've heard from parents who have children at either Bedgrove Infant or Junior School, were deciding factors in sending our children across town to benefit from a better education.

As you can imagine, out of all of the Aylesbury Schools, we were delighted when we got our eldest daughter into our first choice of Bedgrove Infant School and are highly impressed with our own experiences of them so far.

Gaining Foundation status would be hugely beneficial to all who have connections with the school and would appreciate your consideration with the above.

Yours sincerely

Mrs JM & Mr MD Burgess