

## BUCKINGHAMSHIRE LOCAL EDUCATION AUTHORITY



**STOKE LEYS SCHOOL  
KYNASTON SCHOOL  
PARK SCHOOL  
FURZE DOWN SCHOOL**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, in accordance with Sections 31 (1b) (prescribed alterations) and 31 (1c) (closures) of the School Standards and Framework Act 1998 ("the 1998 Act") and the Education (Maintained Special Schools) (England) Regulations 1999, that Buckinghamshire Local Education Authority intends:

1. To establish with effect from 1 September 2007 a new Community Special School for 147 children between the ages of 2 and 11 years. This will be achieved by making a prescribed alteration to Stoke Leys School, Stoke Leys Close, Aylesbury, HP21 9ET, which currently caters for 62 children (43 boys and 19 girls, age range 4-11 years) with Moderate Learning Difficulties, by enlarging the premises and changing its status so that it becomes a primary complex school with an age-range of 2-11.
  - The new primary school will have a capacity of 147 pupils and will cater for 47 children with behavioural, emotional and social difficulties and 100 children with a range of needs across cognition and learning, communication and interaction, sensory and physical needs.
  - Whilst the present capacity of Kynaston School and Stoke Leys School is 50 and 80 respectively, the numbers on roll are 44 and 62 respectively.
  - The new primary school will be established as a community special school in extended and updated buildings on the campus currently occupied by Kynaston and Stoke Leys Schools.

The design will take full account of the need to ensure that all pupils have a safe environment appropriate to their needs. The unit for pupils with Behavioural, Emotional and Social Difficulties will be the existing building of Kynaston School, refurbished and adapted as appropriate.

The school will provide facilities for the range of services that support the children at the school, including health and social care professionals.

The school will include a hydrotherapy pool.
  - The admission authority of the proposed new primary school will be Buckinghamshire Local Education Authority. The proposals will be implemented by Buckinghamshire County Council Local Education Authority.

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2. With effect from 1 September 2007, make a prescribed alteration to Park School, Stocklake, Aylesbury, HP20 1DP by a change in the age range from 2-19 to 11-19. The school has on roll 71 children (40 boys and 31 girls, age range 2-19 years) with Severe Learning Difficulties, of whom 25 children (17 boys and 8 girls) are in the age range 2-11 years, and 4 of these are part-time.
3. With effect from 1 September 2007, make a prescribed alteration to Furze Down School, Verney Road, Winslow, Buckingham, MK18 3BL, by a change in the age range from 4-19 to 11-19. The school has on roll 112 children (82 boys and 30 girls, age range 4-19 years) with Moderate Learning Difficulties, of whom 14 children (12 boys and 2 girls) are in the age range 4-11 years, one of whom is part-time.
4. With effect from 31 August 2007, to discontinue Kynaston School, Stoke Leys Close, Aylesbury HP21 9ET, which currently caters for 44 children (37 boys and 7 girls who are in the age range 4-11 years) with Behavioural, Emotional and Social Difficulties.
5. Pupils displaced from their school placement as a result of the changes will be offered placement at the new school. The existing Buckinghamshire County Council's policy on transport to special schools will apply.

In accordance with paragraph 2 of Schedule 6 to the 1998 Act and regulation 8 (2) (a) of the Education (Maintained Special Schools) (England) Regulations 1999 within the period of two months after the publication of these proposals any person may object to the proposals by sending their objections to the Chief Education Officer (Ref PCS/PH), County Hall, Aylesbury, Bucks. HP20 1UZ. Within a month after the end of the objection period the Local Education Authority will send to the School Organisation Committee for the area, copies of all objections or comments made (and not withdrawn in writing), together with the Authority's observations on them.

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**EXPLANATORY NOTES**

1. There is support from governors of all four schools for this proposal.
2. With the agreement of the School Organisation Committee, it may be possible for objectors to make representation in person.
3. The information on the number of children on school rolls and their gender is taken from the January 2004 Annual School Census.
4. It is proposed to create a primary special school that will amalgamate existing Aylesbury Vale primary special school provision into one school on the Stoke Leys/Kynaston site in Aylesbury. It is proposed that the new school will take primary-aged children currently placed at Furze Down and Park Schools, both of which are presently all age schools.
5. The proposed school will offer a new approach to meeting the needs of pupils and will:
  - enable pupils to be educated, within the school, alongside other children, appropriate to their individual needs and abilities;
  - offer a multi-disciplinary approach to the planning and provision of appropriate support to both children and their families;
  - as part of a partnership with mainstream schools the new school would offer, where appropriate, short-term or part-time placements to children;
  - be a centre of excellence facilitating an exchange of training, resources and expertise between the special school and mainstream providers;
  - offer outreach work to facilitate collaboration with mainstream schools, SEN departments and pupil referral units;
  - support early intervention and inclusive practice.