

6 January 2021

Dear Parents, Staff and Members of the School Community

Bedelsford School – Change to Funding Agreement Consultation

I am writing to you about a consultation that Bedelsford School is undertaking to formally change the planned pupil numbers stated in the school's funding agreement that it holds with the Department for Education (DfE).

Bedelsford School is an outstanding school and over the last four years has met the need of additional children across existing year groups by adapting its buildings to increase its overall teaching space. As a result of this incremental increase, the pupil roll is now 120 which is an additional 30 places above the current funding agreement of 90.

Achieving for Children (AfC) which provides children's services for Kingston and Richmond local authorities has confirmed the need to make permanent the incremental expansion that has been available over the last few years. This is due to the increasing number of pupils requiring specialist education of the kind provided by Bedelsford School

The proposal therefore is to make permanent this incremental increase within the school's funding agreement by amending the planned places from 90 to 120.

As Bedelsford School is an academy, the proposal to increase the planned places in the funding agreement would need to be approved by the DfE, and we are therefore seeking the views of parents and other interested parties in order to inform the DfE's decision-making process to effect this change.

A consultation on the proposal will run from Wednesday 6 January 2021 to Tuesday 2 February 2021. A virtual public meeting will be held at 4pm on Thursday 28 January 2021. Please confirm with me in writing jjames@bedelsfordschool.org if you wish to attend.

We would be grateful for your response to the questions overleaf, and any other thoughts you might have. Alternatively you can respond online at www.bedelsfordschool.org or by email info@bedelsfordschool.org

Please do not hesitate to contact me directly if you wish to discuss this matter further.

Yours faithfully

Julia James
Principal

Please rate the questions below using this scale:

- 1 Strongly agree
- 2 Agree
- 3 Neither agree nor disagree
- 4 Disagree
- 5 Strongly disagree

- 1. More special school places are needed for children and young people with SEN in Kingston and Richmond
- 2. More local provision reduces the need for longer journeys and helps children and young people to play a more active role in their home community
- 3. I am in agreement with the proposal to increase the overall number in Bedelsford School's Funding Agreement

Please tick one of the following I am a:

- Parent of a Bedelsford School student
- Parent of a child with SEN attending another school
- Staff member at Bedelsford School
- Professional working in schools
- Other _____

Do you have any other comments about this proposal? If so, please use the space below
(Continue on an additional sheet if necessary):

Comments:

*Please return to the school office: **Bedelsford School, Grange Road, Kingston upon Thames, Surrey KT1 2QZ.** Alternatively you can complete the consultation on line at www.bedelsfordschool.org*