

Statutory proposal to close Southway Nursery School

Notice is given in accordance with section 15 of the Education and Inspections Act 2006 (as amended by the Education Act 2011) and The School Organisation (Establishment and Discontinuance of Schools) Regulations 2013 that Bedford Borough Council intends to discontinue Southway Nursery School with effect from 31 August 2018.

Contact details

Bedford Borough Council, Borough Hall, Cauldwell Street, Bedford MK42 9AP or by e-mailing:
kirk.sharp@bedford.gov.uk

Southway Nursery School, Raleigh Centre, Ampthill Road, Bedford MK42 9HE

Implementation

31 August 2018

Reason for closure

The Bedford Nursery Schools Federation are currently operating within a deficit budget. The closure of Southway Nursery School enables the Governors of the Federation to implement a recovery plan to move the Bedford Nursery Schools Federation to a financially viable state.

Pupil numbers and admissions

There are 26 pupils on roll at Southway. Nearby provision is available.

Impact on children attending Southway Nursery school.

a) Both Cherry Trees Nursery and Peter Pan Nursery are nearby, they are operated under the same federated governing board as Southway Nursery. There are sufficient places to accommodate pupils. The Executive Principal oversees all Nursery Schools in the federation. Therefore the specialism and expertise experienced in Southway will continue at the two alternative Nursery Schools.

b) Both Cherry Trees Nursery School and Peter Pan Nursery School are 0.5 miles away from Southway Nursery.

Impact on the community

An equality impact assessment has been completed. There could be an impact on children and families who require a place in a nursery school. The impact is mitigated as there are Nursery School Places available at Cherry Trees Nursery and Peter Pan Nursery both of which are nearby.

Communication of this proposal

A statutory closure notice will be displayed. Copies of this Notice have been posted in a conspicuous place on the school premises and at all entrances to the school.

The proposal can be seen by visiting the Council's website at www.bedford.gov.uk/schoolsconsultations or the school's website at <http://www.peterpanteachingschoolalliance.co.uk/Bedford/nursery/southway>

The proposal may be requested by writing to;

Kirk Sharp – Project Support, Children's Services, Bedford Borough Council, Borough Hall, Cauldwell Street, Bedford MK42 9AP or by emailing: kirk.sharp@bedford.gov.uk.

Responding to the Proposal

Any person may object to or make comments on the proposal by sending them to Such objections or comments must be received by 5pm on Tuesday 2nd January 2018 (this should be a minimum of 4 weeks from date on which proposal appeared on the Council and School websites, given the Christmas break this has been extended to 5 weeks). Responses should be made in writing to Kirk Sharp – Project Support, Children's Services, Bedford Borough Council, Borough Hall, Cauldwell Street, Bedford MK42 9AP or by emailing: kirk.sharp@bedford.gov.uk.