

## Statutory Notice for the Proposed Reorganisation of Schools in Bedford Borough: Broadmead Lower School

**Notice is given in accordance with section 15 (1) of the Education and Inspections Act 2006 and The School Organisation (Establishment and Discontinuance of Schools, England) Regulations 2013 and the statutory guidance for proposers and decision makers 'Opening and closing maintained schools', January 2023 that Bedford Borough Council, Borough Hall, Cauldwell Street, Bedford, MK42 9AP intends to discontinue Broadmead Lower School (a community school), Park Crescent, Stewartby, Bedford, Bedfordshire, MK43 9NN**

Broadmead Lower School will have no Reception intake from 1 September 2027. Pupils attending Broadmead Lower school will, on a phased basis, transfer to a newly established Stewartby Primary (previously Marston Vale Middle School).

Pupils Starting School for September 2027 will be able to apply to join a newly established Stewartby Primary School, in the 'Starting School' admissions round open from September 2026 to January 2027

The current number of pupils registered at the school is 205 Yr R – 4 (Summer '23 Census). The current admission number for the school is 60 and this will be the planned admission number to continue at the new Stewartby Primary School.

Transport will be provided in line with Bedford Borough Council's normal policy, details of which are available from the School Transport Entitlement Team, Customer Contact Centre, Borough Hall, Cauldwell Street, Bedford, MK42 9AP (telephone 01234 718004), or the Bedford Borough website, [www.bedford.gov.uk](http://www.bedford.gov.uk). The travel plans of the primary and secondary schools will be adapted to take into account school transport requirements.

The Local Authority will continue to have a strong commitment to reinforce and develop the present provision for special needs at the new Stewartby Primary School. An enhanced curriculum and strong student guidance and support will continue to be made available to all pupils, including those with special educational needs.

This Notice is an extract from the full proposal. Copies of the proposal can be obtained by emailing: [Francesca.Davies@bedford.gov.uk](mailto:Francesca.Davies@bedford.gov.uk) Alternatively details can be viewed on the Bedford Borough Council website, [www.bedford.gov.uk](http://www.bedford.gov.uk).

Within four weeks from the date of publication of this proposal, any person may object to or make comments on the proposal by completing the consultation response form at <https://online1.snapsurveys.com/97w7de>.

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