



Free School Presumption

Application Form for Proposers applying to establish New 'Presumption' Schools

Overview

This application form should be used, in conjunction with the published specification for the new school and the 'free school presumption' advice, to apply for a new school via the presumption route. You should use this form to provide all the necessary information and evidence for your proposal.

If you would like further information or wish to discuss your application, please contact the local authority using the contact details set out in the specification.

Please note that the LA led free school presumption is a different route to the DfE's free school programme. Further information about how to establish a new school via the free school programme route can be found at: <https://www.gov.uk/government/collections/opening-a-free-school>.



Please return your completed application form electronically to Bedford Borough Council at [**schools.consultation@bedford.gov.uk**](mailto:schools.consultation@bedford.gov.uk) (save the filled-in form and attach to an email) by **Midday on 5th June 2023**.

Wixams Primary – Town Centre

An application to establish a new Primary phase free school in Wixams, Bedford Borough to open in September 2024.

Section A: Applicant Details

Name of Organisation:

Name:

Address:

Postcode:

Phone:

Email:

How would you describe your organisation? (Max 750 words)

When did you become a DfE approved sponsor?

Do you currently run any existing schools, academies or free schools? **No:** **Yes:**
If 'YES', please give details, including the most recent Ofsted and attainment data for each.

Did you put this application together with support from another company or organisation?
No: **Yes:** If 'YES', please provide details about this organisation.

Section B: The School

Please explain how your organisation's knowledge and experience of the local area would be used to inform your plans to establish this particular school. (*Max 1500 words*)

Section C: Vision

Please explain your vision and how it meets the requirements in the published specification. *(Max 750 words)*

Section D: Education Plan

Please explain how your educational offer/curriculum plan meets the requirements in the published specification. *(Max 1500 words)*

Section E: Capacity and Capability

Please explain and provide evidence of how your organisation would meet the requirements in the published specification. *(Max 1500 words)*