



Biggleswade and the surrounding area is expected to grow, with up to 3,351 new homes to be built by 2035, which would mean an estimated 2,613 additional school places will be needed by 2035.

In response to this, the schools in the area have been working together, with Central Bedfordshire Council, on a long-term plan to make sure we have:

- The right schools
- In the right places
- Delivering the best education

The schools and the council are now consulting on changes to local schools in order to meet this demand.

Please submit your response by Tuesday 28th September 2021.

If you require an accessible version of the questionnaire, please contact the consultations team, [consultations@centralbedfordshire.gov.uk](mailto:consultations@centralbedfordshire.gov.uk)

## Our approach

How important is it for the schools and the council to develop a long-term plan for meeting the increased demand for new school places? (please select one)

- Very important       Important       Unsure       Not very important       Not at all important

How far do you agree or disagree with the proposal to move the schools in Biggleswade and the surrounding area to the two-tier (primary/secondary) model of education?

- Strongly agree       Agree       Unsure       Disagree       Strongly disagree

How important is it that the schools in the area work together to coordinate change across the locality? (please select one)

- Very important       Important       Unsure       Not very important       Not at all important

Do you have any comments you would like to make about the approach we are taking?

## Feedback on specific schools

There are 12 existing schools in this area. You can make comments about any of the schools listed below.

Which of the below would you like to comment on? (please select all that apply)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Biggleswade Academy (middle deemed primary)   | <input type="checkbox"/> Pottton Lower School  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Caldecote CofE Academy (lower)                | <input type="checkbox"/> Pottton Middle School   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Lawnside Academy (lower)                      | <input type="checkbox"/> Dunton CofE VC Lower School   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Northhill CofE VA Lower School                | <input type="checkbox"/> Wrestlingworth CofE VC Lower School   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> St. Andrew's CofE VC Lower School - East      | <input type="checkbox"/> Edward Peake CofE VC Middle School  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> St. Andrew's CofE VC Lower School - West      | <input type="checkbox"/> Stratton Upper School   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Sutton CofE VA Lower School                   | <input type="checkbox"/> Sixth form provision  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> New primary school (land east of Biggleswade) | <input type="checkbox"/> I do not want to comment about a specific school, I would like to comment on the overall plan |

## Biggleswade Academy (middle deemed primary)

The proposal for Biggleswade Academy is to convert to a primary school with the earliest date of transition as 2024/25, with an initial capacity of 840 pupils, with scope to grow. The current capacity at the school is 1010 pupils.

How far do you agree or disagree with the proposal for Biggleswade Academy? (please select one)

- Strongly agree       Agree       Unsure       Disagree       Strongly disagree

Do you have any comments to make about this specific proposal?

### Caldecote CofE Academy (lower)

The proposal for Caldecote CofE Academy is to convert to a primary school with the earliest date of transition as 2024/25, with a maximum capacity of 168 pupils. The current capacity at the school is 120 pupils.

How far do you agree or disagree with the proposal for Caldecote CofE Academy? (please select one)

- Strongly agree       Agree       Unsure       Disagree       Strongly disagree

Do you have any comments to make about this specific proposal?

### Lawnside Academy (lower)

The proposal for Lawnside Academy is to convert to a primary school with the earliest date of transition as 2024/25, with an initial capacity of 420 pupils, and scope to grow once relocated to the vacated Edward Peake CofE VC Middle School site. The current capacity at the school is 300 pupils.

The school is proposed to relocate to the current Edward Peake CofE VC Middle School site which is 0.7 miles away from the current Lawnside Academy site.

How far do you agree or disagree with the proposal for Lawnside Academy? (please select one)

- Strongly agree       Agree       Unsure       Disagree       Strongly disagree

Do you have any comments to make about this specific proposal?

## Northhill CofE VA Lower School\*

\*in the process of converting to an academy Summer/Autumn 2021.

The proposal for Northhill CofE VA Lower School is to convert to a primary school with the earliest date of transition as 2024/25, with a maximum capacity of 105 pupils. The current capacity at the school is 75 pupils.

How far do you agree or disagree with the proposal for Northhill CofE VA Lower School? (please select one)

- Strongly agree       Agree       Unsure       Disagree       Strongly disagree

Do you have any comments to make about this specific proposal?

## St Andrew's CofE VC Lower School – East

The proposal for St Andrew's CofE VC Lower School – East is to convert to a primary school with the earliest date of transition as 2024/25, with a maximum capacity of 420 pupils. The current capacity at the school is 450 pupils.

How far do you agree or disagree with the proposal for St Andrew's CofE VC Lower School – East ? (please select one)

- Strongly agree       Agree       Unsure       Disagree       Strongly disagree

Do you have any comments to make about this specific proposal?

## St Andrew's CofE VC Lower School – West

The proposal for St Andrew's CofE VC Lower School – West is to convert to a primary school with the earliest date of transition as 2024/25, with a maximum capacity of 420 pupils. The current capacity at the school is 450 pupils.

How far do you agree or disagree with the proposal for St Andrew's CofE VC Lower School – West? (please select one)

- Strongly agree       Agree       Unsure       Disagree       Strongly disagree

Do you have any comments to make about this specific proposal?

## Sutton CofE VA Lower School

The proposal for Sutton CofE VA Lower School is to convert to a primary school with the earliest date of transition as 2024/25, with a maximum capacity of 105 pupils. The current capacity at the school is 75 pupils.

How far do you agree or disagree with the proposal for Sutton CofE VA Lower School? (please select one)

- Strongly agree       Agree       Unsure       Disagree       Strongly disagree

Do you have any comments to make about this specific proposal?

## A new primary school on the land east of Biggleswade

The proposal for a new primary on the land east of Biggleswade is that it will have a maximum capacity of 420 pupils.

How far do you agree or disagree with the proposal for a new primary on the land east of Biggleswade? (please select one)

- Strongly agree       Agree       Unsure       Disagree       Strongly disagree

Do you have any comments to make about this specific proposal?

## The future of Potton Lower School and Potton Middle School

The proposal for Potton Lower School and Potton Middle School is for them to amalgamate and become a primary school for 2022/23, with a maximum capacity of 420 pupils. The current capacity at the lower school is 300 pupils, and current capacity at the middle school is 360 pupils.

How far do you agree or disagree with the proposal for Potton Lower School and Potton Middle School?

- Strongly agree       Agree       Unsure       Disagree       Strongly disagree

Do you have any comments to make about this specific proposal?

### Future options for Dunton CofE VC Lower School and Wrestlingworth CofE VC Lower School

There are three options being considered for the future of Dunton CofE VC Lower School and Wrestlingworth CofE VC Lower school:

Option A - Dunton CofE VC Lower School and Wrestlingworth CofE VC Lower School transition to primaries on their current sites with the earliest date of transition as 2024/25

Option B - Dunton CofE VC Lower School and Wrestlingworth CofE VC Lower School amalgamating as a 1 form of entry (30 places a year) primary school on the Dunton Lower site with the earliest date of transition as 2024/25

Option C - Dunton CofE VC Lower School and Wrestlingworth CofE VC Lower School amalgamate and relocate as the new 2 form of entry (60 places a year) primary in the brand-new school on land east of Biggleswade with the earliest date of transition as 2024/25

To what extent do you agree or disagree that the council has identified the right factors (pages 11-14 in the consultation document) to be able to compare the options for Dunton CofE VC Lower School and Wrestlingworth CofE VC Lower School?

- Strongly agree       Agree       Unsure       Disagree       Strongly disagree

Are there any other factors which should be considered?

On balance, based on the information provided about housing growth and site constraints, which of the three options do you think will provide the best solution for Dunton CofE VC Lower School and Wrestlingworth CofE VC Lower School?

- Option A: Dunton CofE VC Lower School and Wrestlingworth CofE VC Lower School to transition to primaries on their current sites.
- Option B: Dunton CofE VC Lower School and Wrestlingworth CofE VC Lower School amalgamating as a 1 form of entry (30 places a year) primary school on the Dunton CofE VC Lower School site.
- Option C: Dunton CofE VC Lower School and Wrestlingworth CofE VC Lower School amalgamating and relocating as the new 2 form of entry (60 places a year) primary in the brand-new school on land east of Biggleswade

Please tell us why you answered in that way.

## Edward Peake CofE VC Middle School

The proposal for Edward Peake CofE VC Middle School is to convert to a secondary school with the earliest date of transition as 2024/25, with an initial capacity of 900 pupils, with scope to grow. The current capacity at the school is 840 pupils. Edward Peake CofE VC Middle School would move into the brand-new secondary school that will be built on land east of Biggleswade.

How far do you agree or disagree with the proposal for Edward Peake CofE VC Middle School? (please select one)

- Strongly agree       Agree       Unsure       Disagree       Strongly disagree

Do you have any comments to make about this specific proposal?

## Stratton Upper School

The proposal for Stratton Upper School is to convert to a secondary school with the earliest date of transition as 2024/25, with a maximum capacity of 1200 pupils (Years 7-11). The current capacity at the school is 990 pupils (Years 9-11).

How far do you agree or disagree with the proposal for Stratton Upper School? (please select one)

- Strongly agree       Agree       Unsure       Disagree       Strongly disagree

Do you have any comments to make about this specific proposal?

## Sixth form provision

The proposal for sixth form provision is to create one sixth form for the area, open to pupils of both the existing Stratton Upper and Edward Peake schools. The sixth form would have a proposed capacity of 420 students (Years 12 and 13).

How far do you agree or disagree with the proposal of one sixth form for the area? (please select one)

- Strongly agree       Agree       Unsure       Disagree       Strongly disagree

Do you have any comments to make about this specific proposal?

## Overall

Do you have any comments to make on the overall proposed plan?



## About You

This section is about you. The following information will help us when considering your opinions and to make sure that we're getting views of a cross-section of the community. The answers will not be used to identify any individual. You can read more about why we ask these questions on our website. All of these questions are optional, and you can give as much or as little information as you wish.

Which of the below are you? (please select all that apply)

- |   |  |
|---|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Pupil  | <input type="checkbox"/> Teacher at a school in Central Bedfordshire               |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Parent/carer of child(ren) of pre-school age or younger                        | <input type="checkbox"/> Other member of staff at a school in Central Bedfordshire |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Parent/carer of child(ren) currently at school in Central Bedfordshire         | <input type="checkbox"/> Resident of Central Bedfordshire                          |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Parent/carer of child(ren) currently at school outside of Central Bedfordshire | <input type="checkbox"/> Resident elsewhere  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Parent/carer of child(ren) who have finished school                            | <input type="checkbox"/> Town or Parish Council                                    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> School Governor  | <input type="checkbox"/> Voluntary or Community Organisation                       |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Headteacher at a school in Central Bedfordshire                                | <input type="checkbox"/> Other   |

Please specify which school:

If Town or Parish Council, Voluntary or Community Organisation or Other, please specify:

Does your child(ren) have any special educational needs? (please select one)

- Yes  
 No

Are you: (please select one)

- Male  
 Female

What is your age? (please select one)

- |                                    |                                  |
|------------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| <input type="radio"/> Under 16 yrs | <input type="radio"/> 45-59 yrs  |
| <input type="radio"/> 16-19 yrs    | <input type="radio"/> 60- 64 yrs |
| <input type="radio"/> 20-29 yrs    | <input type="radio"/> 65-74 yrs  |
| <input type="radio"/> 30-44 yrs    | <input type="radio"/> 75+ yrs    |

Do you consider yourself disabled? (please select one)

Under the Equality Act 2010 a person is considered to have a disability if they have a physical or mental impairment which has a sustained and long-term adverse effect on their ability to carry out normal day to day activities.

Yes

No

To which of these groups do you consider you belong? (please select one)

White British

Mixed ethnicity

Black or Black British

Other ethnic group

Asian or Asian British

If other, please specify:

What is your home or organisation's postcode?

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**Thank you.**

**Please click submit to send your response.**

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