



## **Statutory notice to open a Communication and Interaction (Autism) Unit at Overstone Combined School, Wing**

**Open date:** 26 November 2024

**Close date:** 23 December 2024

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### **Overview**

**We are inviting representations on a statutory notice to open a Communication and Interaction (Autism) Unit at Overstone Combined School, Wing.**

Notice is given in accordance with sections 15 and 19 of the Education and Inspections Act 2006 that Buckinghamshire Council intends to open a Communication and Interaction (Autism) Unit with effect from 1 September 2025 at:

**Overstone Combined School, Church Street, Wing, Leighton Buzzard, LU7 0NY**

Together with the Governing Board of Overstone Combined School, we have considered the responses to the recent consultation on the proposal for the school.

This Notice is an extract of the full proposal. A copy of the full proposal is available to download at [yourvoicebucks.citizenspace.com](https://yourvoicebucks.citizenspace.com). Alternatively you can request a copy via email [overstoneschoolconsultation@buckinghamshire.gov.uk](mailto:overstoneschoolconsultation@buckinghamshire.gov.uk) or by post: The School Commissioning Team, Buckinghamshire Council, 1st Floor, Walton Street Office, Aylesbury, Bucks, HP20 1UZ.

### **Proposal to open a Communication and Interaction (Autism) Unit at Overstone Combined School**

The Unit would have 12 places for children with Communication and Interaction (Autism) needs.

The 12 places would be in addition to the school's mainstream places.

If agreed the Unit would open in September 2025.

### **Related documents**

Before you respond to this consultation, please have a look at the following documents at [yourvoicebucks.citizenspace.com](https://yourvoicebucks.citizenspace.com):

- Statutory Notice for proposals at Overstone Combined School
- Statutory proposal for Overstone Combined School

### **How to make a representation**

Within 4 weeks of the date of publication of this proposal, any person may agree, object to, or make comments on the proposal in the following ways:

- complete the online survey at [yourvoicebucks.citizenspace.com](https://yourvoicebucks.citizenspace.com)
- complete, and return, the printed version of the survey below
- email us at [overstoneschoolconsultation@buckinghamshire.gov.uk](mailto:overstoneschoolconsultation@buckinghamshire.gov.uk)
- write to us at The School Commissioning Team, Buckinghamshire Council, 1st Floor, Walton Street Office, Aylesbury, Bucks, HP20 1UZ

If you have any questions about this activity, please email us at [overstoneschoolconsultation@buckinghamshire.gov.uk](mailto:overstoneschoolconsultation@buckinghamshire.gov.uk).

**Please tell us your views by 11:59pm on Monday 23 December 2024.**

### **What happens next**

With the Governing Board of Overstone Combined School, we will consider all responses we receive.

The Leader of Buckinghamshire Council, with the Cabinet Member for Education and Children's Services, will take into consideration any representations made before making a decision on the final outcome. We expect this decision to be made by March 2025.

If the proposal to open a Communication and Interaction (Autism) Unit is agreed, it is anticipated that building works would start in April 2025.

The new Unit would then open in September 2025. Pupil numbers would be gradually increased each year – until reaching the total capacity of 12.

## **Privacy**

We will use the information you provide here only for this activity. We will store the information securely in line with data protection laws and will not share or publish any personal details. For more information about data and privacy, please see our [Privacy Policy](#).

If you have questions about data and privacy, please email us on [dataprotection@buckinghamshire.gov.uk](mailto:dataprotection@buckinghamshire.gov.uk). Or write to our Data Protection Officer at Buckinghamshire Council, The Gateway, Gatehouse Road, Aylesbury, HP19 8FF.

## **Printed consultation survey**

### **Proposal for Overstone Combined School**

#### **1. Do you agree with the proposal to open a Communication and Interaction (Autism) Unit at Overstone Combined School?**

Please tick (✓) one option

- Yes
- No
- I don't know

**Please tell us the reasons for your answer:**

## About you

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### 2. Which of the following describe you?

Please tick (✓) all that apply

- I am a parent or carer of a student at Overstone Combined School
- I work at Overstone Combined School
- I am a Governor for Overstone Combined School
- I am a student at Overstone Combined School
- I live near Overstone Combined School
- I work at another local school in the area
- I represent or own a business in Buckinghamshire
- I represent a community or voluntary group in Buckinghamshire
- I am an elected representative in Buckinghamshire
- I represent a Parish / Town Council or Town Committee in Buckinghamshire
- I work for Buckinghamshire Council
- Other (please give details below):

### 3. How did you find out about this consultation?

Please tick (✓) all that apply

- Letter from school
- School staff briefing
- Local media (newspaper, radio, TV, website or newsfeed)
- Social media (Facebook, Twitter/X, Instagram, Nextdoor or LinkedIn)
- Buckinghamshire Council website or Your Voice Bucks website
- Email or newsletter from Buckinghamshire Council
- Buckinghamshire Council staff or other professionals
- Through working at Buckinghamshire Council
- Poster or leaflet
- Friend or family member
- Local community or special interest group

- Councillor, town/parish council or community board
- Other (please give details below):

**4. Are you responding as an individual or on behalf of an organisation (e.g. a business or a voluntary group)?**

Please tick (✓) one option

- As an individual (go to question 6)
- On behalf of an organisation

**On behalf of an organisation**

**5. Please provide the following details:**

Name of organisation:

Your job title:

**End of survey if responding on behalf of an organisation**

**More about you**

We want to hear from as many people as possible to understand the views and needs across Buckinghamshire. The following questions help us see if the communities we serve have had the opportunity to be heard through this activity.

All questions are optional. You can skip any questions you do not wish to answer, or you can skip all the questions.

**6. What is your postcode?**

We want to understand the views of people living in different areas. You don't have to provide your postcode, but it helps us plan and make considered decisions.

## 7. What is your age?

**Why we ask this:** We want to understand the experiences and views of different age groups.

Please tick (✓) one option

- Under 16
- 16 to 24
- 25 to 34
- 35 to 44
- 45 to 54
- 55 to 64
- 65 to 74
- 75 to 84
- Over 85
- Prefer not to say

## 8. Are you:

**Why we ask this:** We want to understand the experiences and views of different sexes.

Please tick (✓) one option

- Female
- Male
- Prefer not to say

## 9. Do you consider yourself to have a disability / disabilities, impairment(s) or long term health condition(s)?

**Why we ask this:** We want to understand the experiences and views of disabled people, people with impairments and people with long-term health conditions.

Please tick (✓) all that apply

- Disability / disabilities
- Impairment(s)
- Long term health condition(s)
- No
- Prefer not to say

## 10. How would you describe your ethnicity?

**Why we ask this:** We want to understand the experiences and views of different ethnicities.

Please tick (✓) one option

- Asian - British
- Asian - Bangladeshi
- Asian - Chinese
- Asian - Indian
- Asian - Pakistani
- Any other Asian background - Please give details below
- Black - African
- Black - British
- Black - Caribbean
- Any other Black, African or Caribbean background - Please give details below
- Mixed or multiple ethnic groups - White and Asian
- Mixed or multiple ethnic groups - White and Black African
- Mixed or multiple ethnic groups - White and Black British
- Mixed or multiple ethnic groups - White and Black Caribbean
- Mixed or multiple ethnic groups - Mixed or Multiple Ethnic backgrounds British
- Any other Mixed or Multiple ethnic background - Please give details below
- White - English, Welsh, Scottish, Northern Irish or British
- White - Irish
- White - Gypsy or English traveller
- White - Irish Traveller
- White - European
- Any other White background - Please give details below
- Other ethnic group - Arab
- Other ethnic group - Arab British
- Other ethnic group - Please give details below
- Prefer not to say

Please give other details here:

## **End of the survey**

**Thank you for taking the time to complete this survey.**

Please return your completed survey by 11:59pm on Monday 23 December 2024.

You can:

- email it to [overstoneschoolconsultation@buckinghamshire.gov.uk](mailto:overstoneschoolconsultation@buckinghamshire.gov.uk)
- post it to School Commissioning Team, Buckinghamshire Council, 1<sup>st</sup> Floor, Walton Street Office, Aylesbury, Bucks, HP20 1UZ