

Background information

Although prescribed alterations within the [Statutory Guidance Making Significant changes to maintained schools Oct 2018](#) include closing a satellite site at a LA Maintained school, prescribed alterations do not apply to maintained PRUs, meaning that changes to these schools can be made outside the statutory process. The Local Authority are minded to follow a transparent proposal process as this provides clarity of rationale and informal consultation opportunities for interested parties.

The Local Authority may make such a proposal for a community school. The LA would like to informally consult with parents and the local community on the proposal to permanently close the additional base of the Beacon School in Kidderminster whilst retaining the Beacon School at the Redditch Base, Longdon Close, Redditch, B98 7UZ

The proposal is expected to provide the following benefits:

The Beacon will be supported to deliver good education outcomes from one school base with no additional base accommodations.

The Beacon will be able to deliver a full curriculum and remain sustainable and financially viable.

The Beacon School will develop prevention and inclusion provision for children in the Redditch and Bromsgrove area

Children and schools in the Kidderminster area will have access to ongoing and increased support to prevention and facilities that promote inclusion and are able to support a multi-agency approach and include families.

How the decision will be made

The Director for Children's Services in consultation with the Cabinet Member for Education will consider evidence from various sources in order to reach a considered view on the merits of the proposal. In particular the following factors:

The response to the public consultation

The quality of education provision at the Beacon School

The ability of the school to manage the proposed change to support Redditch and Bromsgrove inclusion.

Demand for inclusion support at the school and in the local area and how this will be met

The impact of the new free school and provision for the Kidderminster area.

Who is being consulted?

This document will be made available to:

Parents and carers of pupils
attending the School
Staff and Governors of the school
and other local schools
Local District and County
Councillors

Immediate residents
Local Member of Parliament
Cabinet Member Responsible for
Education
Any other local stakeholder

What happens next?

Consultation Phase – Wednesday 22nd March and closes at noon on Wednesday 3rd May 2023

During the consultation phase anyone with an interest can express their views on the proposal

