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Dear Parents and Carers,

As you will be aware, we have been working together with Biggleswade schools to consider what the future for schools could look like, with a proposed change to a primary and secondary model of education in the area. This is part of the Schools for the Future programme.

We want to let you know that Councillors will be considering launching a consultation on these proposals at their Executive meeting on the 8th June. Papers for this meeting are available on the website through this <u>link</u>, which includes a proposal for the cluster of schools in and around Biggleswade which will be consulted on over the summer, subject to Executive approval. This will be a public meeting that will be subject to Covid restrictions, but available to watch live on a <u>webcast</u>.

If the launch of the consultation is agreed, there will be a 14-week public consultation from the end of June, which will give lots of opportunity for you, schools and the wider community to consider and comment on the proposals. The outcome of the consultation will be considered during the autumn, with a final recommendation being made in early 2022, following any necessary statutory consultations.

We will publish exact dates as and when they become available and you can also access the latest information on the consultation, as it becomes available, on the <u>Schools for the Future website</u>.

Yours sincerely pp

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