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Dear parent/carer,

I am writing to inform you of the decisions made by Central Bedfordshire Council's Executive Committee with regards to the feedback from the public consultation on proposed changes to schools in Biggleswade and the surrounding area.

This is part of the [Schools for the Future programme](#), which is an ambitious, long-term programme to raise education standards in Central Bedfordshire by ensuring the area has the right schools, in the right places, delivering the best education. Part of this is the move to the two-tier model of education.

The consultation feedback showed strong support for the long-term plan (96% support), and strong support for the schools to work together to co-ordinate change (87%).

There are, however, mixed levels of support for individual school proposals which need to be reviewed in greater detail against all available information, including: forecast growth, consultation responses, feasibility and viability of proposals against the budget.

Therefore, having considered the [feedback from the consultation](#), our Executive Committee has now:

- Authorised a move to statutory notice, for the closure of Potton Middle School and the change of age range of Potton Lower School to become a primary school for September 2023; utilising the buildings and infrastructure of both the Potton Lower and Potton Middle sites as far as required.
- Agreed to receive a further report on the model and timescale for the Biggleswade cluster of school's transition to a two-tier system of education, taking into account the revised pupil growth forecast, outcome of the consultation and indicative budgets.

We will write to you again with further details of the statutory notice for Potton Middle School and Potton Lower School and when we have a further report for the remaining schools in the Biggleswade area.

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You can also keep up to date with the latest information on the Schools for the Future programme, at: <https://www.schoolsforthefuture.co.uk/>.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Sarah Ferguson', is positioned above a rectangular area that has been blurred out.

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