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Dear parent/carer,

As your children are settling into the academic year, I wanted to write to you regarding your school's planned change from the three-tier model of education to the two-tier model from September 2024, as part of our Schools for the Future programme.

At this stage the transition process is well underway, and this year will be your child's school's final academic year in the three-tier system.

In working towards your school's transition to either a primary or a secondary in September next year, we are busy procuring contractors to carry out necessary building works required to expand schools and are working with school leaders to ensure that all other aspects of the transition are supported.

Applications are now open if your child is year 8 and due to transition to upper school in September 2024. More information on school admissions is available here: <https://www.centralbedfordshire.gov.uk/admissions>

If you are considering your options regarding this transition then you will be welcome to attend any opening evenings hosted by the schools and more information on these, including dates and times, will be available directly from schools.

What will happen in September 2024?

These are the key changes for September 2024 in Biggleswade and the surrounding areas. The table below includes all the schools that have changed:

School	Summary of change	What does this mean for admissions?
Caldecote, Lawnside, Northill, Potton, St Andrews East & West and Sutton	All the lower schools will become a Primary from September 2024 by changing the age range of the school from Reception - Year 4 to Reception – Year 6	Applications for Reception in September 2024 are unchanged. Children will be able to remain in the school until Year 6 before moving to secondary school

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Dunton and Wrestlingworth	Wrestlingworth is becoming an Infant school from Reception to Year 2 and Dunton a Junior school from Year 3 to Year 6	Applications for Reception will only be available at Wrestlingworth for September 2024. Applications will be required for Year 2 children at both schools for Dunton Junior School for September 2024
Biggleswade Academy	Will become a Primary school from September 2024	Applications for Reception in September 2024 are unchanged, however, there are more places available as the school increased from 90 to 120 places There is no Year 5 application form for Biggleswade Academy for September 2024
Edward Peake Middle	Will become a Secondary school from September 2024	There is no Year 5 application form for Edward Peake for September 2024 There is no need for a Year 9 application to remain in Edward Peake
Stratton Upper	Will become a Secondary school from September 2024	Applications can be made for Year 7 and Year 9 for September 2024 from outside of the Biggleswade area

Yours sincerely,

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