

Principals' Post

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Consultation for a new SEN Department

Dear Families,

We are delighted to share some exciting news about a significant development for our school community. As part of our ongoing commitment to inclusion and meeting the needs of all children, we are launching a formal consultation on opening a brand-new Special Educational Needs (SEN) Department at our Shenley Wood campus, with a planned opening date of September 2026.

As many of you will be aware, there is a national shortage of high-quality, specialist places for children with SEN. As a highly respected and inclusive school, we are proud to explore a vision that not only supports the wider community but also strengthens the ethos and values at the heart of our school. This new department would be run by us, remain fully part of our school, and become a significant asset for our children, families, and staff.

We are pleased to share that we are working in close partnership with Milton Keynes Council, who will finance the project and manage admissions into the new department. This collaboration ensures that the provision meets both local needs and the highest educational standards.

To create the right environment, we plan to adapt the Shenley Wood building to form a fully self-sufficient learning space, including two resourced classrooms, a dedicated breakout area, specialist toilet facilities, and a secure outdoor play area. Importantly, this development will be entirely self-contained and will not impact our main school. It will not reduce the number of existing classes; our current school organisation and provision will remain exactly as it is now, with only a few room moves within the building.

This proposal is not only an incredible opportunity to extend our inclusive practice, but it will also play a vital role in securing the long-term future of our Shenley Wood site at a time when falling birth rates are creating challenges for schools nationally. By responding with vision and purpose, we are ensuring that our school continues to grow, innovate, and serve our community for many years to come.

We are genuinely excited about the possibilities ahead. This proposal reflects our belief that every child deserves the very best - and our commitment to being a forward-thinking, inclusive, and ambitious school for all.

Please take the time to read the attached consultation paper, which sets out the full vision and explains how you can share your views.

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Thank you, as always, for your continued support. Working together, we can shape an inspiring future for our school and every child within it.

Kind regards

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