Arbour Vale School

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6th March 2024

Dear Families, Staff and Members of the School Community,

Consultation on a Proposed Expansion of Arbour Vale School

I am writing to let you know about a proposal to expand Arbour Vale School to accommodate additional pupils on the current school site.

Arbour Vale School is a special co-ed school that provides for pupils from the ages of 2 to 19 with a range of special educational needs and is part of Orchard Hill College Academy Trust, a specialist multi academy trust. The Trust and the School work closely with Slough Council to ensure that our school meets local requirements.

Slough Council have identified the need for additional school places and we are pleased to be able to work with the Council on this proposed development. If the proposal is agreed, Slough Council would undertake and fund a new building on the existing school site to accommodate additional pupils from September 2024. The proposed expansion would provide a further 40 places above the school's current Funding Agreement of 335 places bringing the total school capacity to 375 places from September 2024.

As Arbour Vale School is an academy, this expansion proposal would need to be approved by the Department for Education (DfE) and we are therefore seeking the views of interested parties through this consultation to inform the DfE's decision-making process to amend the School's Funding Agreement.

The consultation period on this proposal is from 6th March 2024 to 17th April 2024 and we invite you to take part in the following ways:

Public meetings will be held at Arbour Vale School on Wednesday 20th March at the following times: 10.00am – 11.00am and 1.15-2.15pm

A virtual public meeting at 4pm on 20th March. Please confirm in writing to office@arbourvaleschool.org if you wish to attend.

Comments on the Proposal can be submitted in one of the following ways:

- by paper: complete the attached response form and return it to the school office
- by an online survey at: Consultation - Arbour Vale School,
- by email to: office@arbourvaleschool.org
- by post to: Consultation, Arbour Vale School, Farnham Road, Slough SL2 3AE.

Please do not hesitate to contact me directly if you wish to discuss further.

Yours faithfully,

Neil Sykes

Arbour Vale School Expansion Consultation

Please rate the questions below using this scale:

1 Strongly agree
2 Agree
3 Neither agree nor disagree
4 Disagree
5 Strongly disagree

☐ 1. More special school places are needed for children and young people in Slough

☐ 2. More local provision reduces the need for longer journeys and helps children and young people to play a more active role in their home community

☐ 3. I am in agreement with the proposal to increase the pupil number in Arbour Vale School's Funding Agreement

Please tick one of the following I am a:

☐ Parent of a pupil/student at Arbour Vale School

☐ Parent of a child with SEN attending another school

☐ Staff member at Arbour Vale School

☐ Professional working in schools

☐ Other _____

Do you have any other comments about this proposal? If so, please use the space below

(Continue on an additional sheet if necessary):

Comments:

Please return to the school office by 17th April: ***Arbour Vale School, Farnham Road, Slough SL2 3AE.***