Arbour Vale School

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Dear Families, Staff and Members of the School Community,

Arbour Vale School – Our Lady of Peace Site Proposal

I am writing to let you know about a consultation that Arbour Vale School is undertaking to open a satellite site and increase the planned places in the funding agreement it holds with the Department for Education (DfE) from 375 to 455.

Arbour Vale School is a special co-ed school in Slough 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 Borough Council to ensure that our school continues to meet local requirements.

Slough Borough 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. Slough Borough Council have identified a potential site that could accommodate additional pupils at Our Lady of Peace (OLOP) School in Slough. The proposed expansion would provide a phased build-up over a two-year period for 80 places above the school's current Funding Agreement of 375 places bringing the total school capacity to 455 places across the two sites.

As Arbour Vale School is an academy, this expansion proposal would need to be approved by the 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 is on the proposal to amend the funding agreement for Arbour Vale School to open an additional site and to increase the planned places from 375 to 455 (375 on the main site and 80 on the satellite site).

The Consultation Process

The consultation period on this proposal is from 2nd October 2025 to 23rd October 2025 and we invite you to take part in the following ways:

Public meetings where you can meet the School and Trust leadership team and ask questions will be held at Arbour Vale School on Monday 13th October as follows:

- ***9.30am – 11am***
- ***3.30pm – 5pm***

A virtual public meeting at 5pm on Monday 13th October. 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 at Arbour Vale School
- 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 this proposal further.

Yours faithfully,

Neil Sykes
Principal

Arbour Vale School

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 amend the funding agreement to open an additional site under Arbour Vale School, and to increase the planned places from 375 to 455 (375 on the main site and 80 on the satellite site)

Please tick one of the following I am a:

☐ Parent/Carer of a pupil/student at Arbour Vale School

☐ Parent/Carer 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 on the reverse of this page and continue on an additional sheet if necessary.

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Comments:

- *Please return to the school office by 23rd October:* ***Arbour Vale School, Farnham Road, Slough SL2 3AE.*** Alternatively you can complete the consultation online at www.arbourvaleschool.org/consultation