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Dear Parent/Guardian

Sandy Secondary School Transformation Consultation

I am writing to inform you that Central Bedfordshire Council will shortly be seeking approval from its Executive Councillors to consult with you and the wider public about the transformation of Sandy Secondary School.

You may have questions about the future of the school, and the Council have asked us to outline their current position on this, as well as leisure provision and the former Sandye Place Academy site.

If councillors approve a public consultation at a special Executive Meeting on 3rd November, you will be able to have your say on the proposals in a six-week consultation beginning on 18th November and finishing on 30th December.

The proposals for the transformation of the school are that there will be remodelling and refurbishment of the existing buildings, including the frontage of the school, a new teaching block, a new special education needs area and new external recreational areas. Below is an artist's impression of what this may look like from the exterior.

This is needed because, although the school is recognised by the Department for Education as a 9 Form Entry school, it does not have the capacity to accommodate the existing students. With the increased number of students, steps need to be taken to address this and to make the school fit for purpose for the future.

You may also have questions about the leisure provision that currently exists on the site. These shared sports facilities within the school are valued local facilities and form an integral part of the leisure offer for Sandy; and together with the separate health and fitness suite, and the adjacent Sunderland Road recreation ground facilities, creates a sporting hub for you, your family and the people of Sandy.

Retaining community access to these facilities is vital to ensuring you can continue enjoying these activities.

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Central Bedfordshire Council is working hard with us and Sandy Town Council to understand local needs and shape the future leisure facilities, but no decisions have been made yet.

You may also have questions about the former Sandye Place Academy site. This remains education land and as such, consent from the Secretary of State is required for any other use. There is a delay with this, due to the current pandemic. Central Bedfordshire Council and Sandy Town Council are exploring future uses of the site and, once there are options, will engage with the community.

Yours faithfully



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