



FOUNDATION PROPOSALS - PUBLIC NOTICE 17th May 2009

Gothic Mede Lower School : intention to acquire a Foundation.

Notice is given in accordance with section 19(3) of the Education and Inspections Act 2006 that Gothic Mede Lower School, High Street, Arlesey, Beds SG15 6SL intends to make a prescribed alteration. The proposed alteration is to acquire a foundation established otherwise than under SSFA 1998.

Start date: 1st July 2009

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- i. the name of the Foundation is the Bedfordshire East Schools Trust (BEST)
- ii. this is a foundation established by partner schools within an existing loose federation of schools and excellence partnership Samuel Whitbread Community College, Hitchmead Special School, Robert Bloomfield Middle School, Gothic Mede Lower School, Langford Lower School, Derwent Lower School.
- iii. The membership of the Foundation will include the following schools: Samuel Whitbread Community College, Hitchmead Special School, Robert Bloomfield Middle School, Gothic Mede Lower School, Langford Lower School, Derwent Lower School, each of whom will be represented by a single sponsor governor / trustee on the Trust. Raynsford Lower School will be associate members of the Trust. It is hoped that all schools within the former learning community 3 will join the new Foundation.
- iv. The Trust membership will also include partners to be decided upon by the founding trustees, each of whom will also be represented on the Trust by a single Trustee.

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- i. The Governing Body of Gothic Mede Lower School, believes that these proposals are in the best interests of the school, the students, the staff and the local community. In particular, these proposals will ensure and enable closer collaboration between member schools and non-member schools, improve standards, enhance personalisation and build close ties with industry, research and best practice.
- ii. In particular this change will increase the capacity to promote shared human resources, cross phase learning and improved expertise. This will enable the school to better fulfil its community remit while increasing diversity and choice.

This is a summary notice of the proposal to make the alteration listed above. Copies of the full proposals can be obtained from Bedfordshire East Schools Trust offices at BEST 109 The Bungalow Church Street Langford SG18 9QA or BEST@swcc.beds.sch.uk

Any person may object to or make comments on the proposals by sending them to the Bedfordshire East Schools Trust offices at BEST 109 The Bungalow Church Street Langford SG18 9QA or BEST@swcc.beds.sch.uk .

This public notice will be published on 17th May 2009 and will end on 17th June 2009 allowing four weeks for the receipt of any objections and comments.

Gothic Mede Lower School.

11th May 2009