



**Sandye Place Academy**  
*Achievement Through Partnership*



9 July 2018

Dear Parent/Carer,

### **Decision Making on the Future of Sandye Place Academy**

We wrote to you last month to explain that the DfE had issued a Termination Warning Notice to Sandye Place Academy Trust, following Sandye Place Academy's recent Ofsted judgement of 'Inadequate'. As an academy, Sandye Place is not a Central Bedfordshire Council maintained school but an independent academy governed by its Trust and accountable to the Department for Education (DfE).

The DfE have now confirmed that a decision has been made to terminate the funding agreement with the current Trust. This could lead to a number of outcomes, however, lack of future need for school places in Sandy suggests that closure of the school is likely.

The Minister has therefore given an in-principle decision to close Sandye Place. The final decision on the school's future will be taken following a 'listening period' to hear parents and stakeholder views on the proposed closure.

The listening period starts today (9 July) until Friday 3 August. You can send your views on the proposal to [SandyePlace.LISTENINGPERIOD@education.gov.uk](mailto:SandyePlace.LISTENINGPERIOD@education.gov.uk)

Clearly this is a very difficult time for everyone, including the pupils, parents and staff and we are united in our commitment to support everyone as much as we can. If closure of Sandye Place was progressed, please be reassured that it would not take effect until September 2019.

Unfortunately the Principal, Kim McCamley, is on sick leave so hasn't been able to sign this letter. Despite this, the school and the council are committed to working closely together and with the wider community of schools in the Sandy area to ensure that if closure is progressed, all our children would continue to have access to the best possible education.

We will continue to keep you up to date with developments.

Yours sincerely

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Sandye Place Academy