



Department
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**Regional Schools Commissioner's
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Dear parent / carer

You will be aware that I recently issued a Termination Warning Notice to the Sandye Place Academies Trust, following Sandye Place Academy's recent Ofsted judgement of 'Inadequate'. Lord Agnew, the Under-Secretary of State for the School System has considered the school's situation, taking into account representations provided by the Sandye Place Academies Trust and the local situation regarding the falling need for school places in future years. In light of this, he has made a decision to terminate the funding agreement with the current Trust. This could lead to a number of outcomes, including keeping the school open and moving it to a new trust; however, lack of future need for places 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 gather your views, and those of others, on the proposed closure and alternative place options for pupils. We will be working closely with Central Bedfordshire Local Authority to ensure that pupils receive the best possible standard of education. The local authority will be writing to you with further details of the proposed closure and options for your children. Views on the proposal should be sent to SandyePlace.LISTENINGPERIOD@education.gov.uk or the postal address above by Friday 3 August. The department will not be able to reply to every response individually, but all representations will be carefully considered.

I know that this is a very unsettling time for you and your children, but I would like to assure you that my priority, and that of the Minister, is to ensure that all students at Sandye Place Academy have access to high quality education in a school with a sustainable future.

Yours sincerely,

Martin Post
Regional Schools Commissioner, North West London / South Central

cc Headteachers in Sandy schools