

Relocation of the Melbourne School PRU to the Millbrook Site: Consultation Document

The Proposal

The Local Authority is proposing to bring together responsibility for Alternative Learning in the City to include all Key Stages. This will better enable the Local Authority to fulfil our statutory responsibility for permanently excluded pupils and enhance our ability to coordinate the education of children in our care.

A separate consultation regarding the revision and expansion of the existing staffing structure has already been undertaken. Following this, the Authority consulted on the relocation of the Compass School PRU to the site previously occupied by the Millbrook Community School. In line with this, the Authority now proposes to co-locate the Melbourne School PRU with the Compass School PRU on the Millbrook site. The realisation of this proposal would serve the dual aim of synergising the city's PRU provision, whilst also enabling the pupils of the Melbourne Street PRU to access the same high-standard of educational facility as is now being utilised by those at the Compass School PRU.

The focus of this consultation, therefore, is the proposed relocation of the Melbourne School PRU to the Millbrook site, with envisaged provision for 60 full-time learners. The two sites are located 3.36 miles apart. A map showing the proposed move is provided below (the Melbourne School PRU is marked as pin 1 and the Millbrook site as pin 2):



The buildings on the proposed new site house a range of educational facilities that are not readily accessible at the existing site. Included within these are:

- Fully equipped science labs
- Technology rooms/workshops
- Performance areas
- Sports hall and gym

In addition, the Millbrook site has extensive external play/recreation space. This move would therefore result in a significant improvement for Key Stage 4 PRU pupils within the city.

How will we Achieve the Proposal?

Subject to the outcome of this consultation, it is envisaged that the reconfiguration/relocation of provision will come into effect on 3 September 2013 (i.e. the beginning of the 2013/14 academic year). As such, it is intended that we will refurbish a suitable area of the Millbrook buildings to provide a permanent home for the Melbourne Street PRU from this date. This work will be completed between September 2012 and August 2013 and, if the proposals are approved, will include the move of the Melbourne street PRU's furniture and equipment from the old to the new site. The onsite building works will also include works to improve the element of the building currently housing the Compass School PRU.

Millbrook's sports facilities will remain unaffected by this programme of refurbishment and will therefore remain open throughout this period. The operation of the onsite farm will also be unaffected by the proposed relocation.

What Happens Next?

We would like to know what you think about the proposal to relocate the Melbourne Street PRU to the Millbrook site from 3 September 2013. There are a number of ways that you can have input into this process, as set out below:

1. Attend our public meeting at: Former Millbrook School Site, Green Lane, Maybush, SO16 9RG between 17:00 and 18:00 on 2 July 2012.
2. Write to us at: Melbourne Street PRU Relocation, Strategy & Capital Programme Team, Southampton City Council, 3rd Floor, Southbrook Rise, 4-8 Millbrook Road East, Southampton, SO15 1YG.
3. Or email us at: infrastructureandcapital.projects@southampton.gov.uk

You have until **Monday 23 July 2012** to send us your views.

After all of the consultation responses have been collated and reflected upon, a report will be prepared for the Director of Children's Services & Learning who will determine the proposals. The report will be available from the Council website at: <http://www.southampton.gov.uk/council-partners/decisionmaking/> from 3 September 2012.

This document is also available online:
www.southampton.gov.uk/learning/schools/melbourne.aspx