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Dear parent/carer,

Re: Executive decision on the future of Ridgmont Lower School

I am writing to inform you that Councillors on Central Bedfordshire Council's Executive Committee have decided that we will not progress to a statutory consultation for the closure of Ridgmont Lower School.

We've listened to the views of the community, during and since the Have Your Say consultation, and we have recognised and appreciate the work done by the Save our School (SOS) group in presenting a business case.

We know how important it is to the local community to explore every opportunity and we want to make sure we have worked through all available options so that we make the right decision.

One key area that the Executive remains supportive of exploring, is the potential for developing a model for all lower schools in Woburn Sands and the surrounding villages (Ridgmont, Husborne Crawley, Aspley Guise and Woburn lower schools) to move from three-tier to two-tier education, with a consultation expected to start in autumn 2024.

This decision represents the first stage of a long process, in which we aim to keep you updated when new information becomes available.

Yours sincerely,

Sarah-Jayne Pizzie

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