



**OXFORDSHIRE
COUNTY COUNCIL**

PUBLIC NOTICE

Proposed closure of the Hearing Impairment Resource Base at Rush Common School, Abingdon

Notice is given in accordance with The School Organisation (Prescribed Alterations to Maintained Schools) (England) Regulations 2013 that Oxfordshire County Council intends to make a prescribed alteration to Rush Common School, Hendred Way, Abingdon OX14 2AW from 1 February 2015.

Oxfordshire County Council, with support from Rush Common Academy Trust and the county council SENSS Hearing Impairment Team, is proposing to close the Hearing Impairment Resource Base located within the school's buildings.

From September 2014 there are no children attending the resource base and projections suggest that this situation is unlikely to change. This is due to multiple factors such as the Newborn Hearing Screening Programme (NHSP), provision of new technologies such as digital hearing aids and cochlear implants and a strong SENSS team outreach programme.

Children with severe and profound hearing loss are generally developing much better communication and language skills than previously, so more children can attend their local school rather than specialist provision. Alternative specialist provision is available should it be needed in the future.

The proposal has no effect on the Published Admission Number for Rush Common School.

This Notice is an extract from the complete proposal. Copies of the complete proposal can be viewed at <http://www.oxfordshire.gov.uk/consultation>. Copies can also be obtained by contacting:

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Within four weeks from the date of publication of these proposals, any person may object to or make comments on the proposal by sending them to the local authority using the online feedback form at <http://www.oxfordshire.gov.uk/consultation> or by using the above contact details.

Signed: Jim Leivers, Director of Childrens Services

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