

Relocation of the Compass 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 enable the Local Authority to better 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. In line with this, the Authority wishes to improve the educational facilities available to the Compass School

The focus of this consultation is the proposed relocation of the Compass School to the site previously occupied by the Millbrook Community School. If approved, this will subsequently be expanded to create a new, permanent base for Key Stage 1 and 2 pupils. The Compass School and the Millbrook site are located relatively close to one another, being only 0.6 miles apart. A map showing the proposed move is provided below (the Millbrook site is marked as pin 1 and the Compass Centre 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:

- Science labs
- ICT suite
- 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 1-3 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 5 September 2011 (i.e. the beginning of the 2011/12 academic year). As such, it is intended that we will refurbish a suitable area of the Millbrook site to provide a temporary home for the Compass School from this date. This work will be completed over the summer holiday period (i.e. between July and August 2011) and, if the proposals are approved, will include the move of the Compass School's furniture and equipment from the old to the new site.

Over the course of the following academic year, other areas of the Millbrook site will be refurbished, in order to provide the permanent base for the Compass School. The PRU will be rehoused in these areas of the building as of September 2012 (i.e. the beginning of the 2012/13 academic year).

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 Compass School to the Millbrook site from 5 September 2011, as well as the bringing together of this with a permanent base for Key Stage 1 and 2 provision within the city. There are a number of ways that you can have input into this process, which are set out below:

1. Attend our public meeting at: Compass School, Warren Avenue, Shirley Warren, Southampton, SO16 6AH, between 15:30 and 16:30 on 1 July 2011.
2. Complete the online form at:
www.southampton.gov.uk/learning/schools/compass_school_relocation
3. Write to us at: Compass School Relocation, Strategy & Capital Programme Team, Southampton City Council, 3rd Floor, Southbrook Rise, 4-8 Millbrook Road East, Southampton, SO15 1YG.
4. Or email us at: infrastructureandcapital.projects@southampton.gov.uk

You have until **Monday 25 July 2011** 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 26 July 2011.