



## **Consultation on the proposal to relocate Wilby CE VA Primary School to the Glenvale Park Development**

### **Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)**

#### **1. What is this consultation about?**

North Northamptonshire Council is proposing to relocate Wilby CE VA Primary School to a new school building at the Glenvale Park development in Wellingborough with effect from September 2024.

The purpose of the consultation is to seek the views of staff, Governors, parents and carers of pupils at Wilby CE VA Primary School and other interested parties before a decision can be taken on whether or not the recommendation to relocate the school will take place.

#### **2. What does “relocation of an existing school” mean?**

A relocation of an existing school means the whole school will move to the new school building. Wilby CE VA Primary School will literally be lifted and moved to the newly built primary school located on the Glenvale Park development.

#### **3. Why do we need to relocate an existing school to the newly built primary school at Glenvale Park?**

Once the Glenvale Park development is complete there will be circa 3,000 homes. As part of the infrastructure and Section 106 (S106) proposals for the Sustainable Urban Extension (SUE) a 2-form entry primary was proposed to meet increased demand and serve the local community. Completion of the new school building is expected in August 2023.

In January 2023, as part of the annual strategic Pupil Place Planning exercise, it became clear that due to demographic changes, there would be insufficient demand to support the new school opening until September 2025. To address this issue, the relocation of an existing primary school opportunity to the Glenvale Park site was developed and publicised to local primary schools. These local schools were invited to express their interest in relocating to the new school on the Glenvale Park site.

This relocation opportunity would avoid the newly built school being mothballed or repurposed by the developers to meet an existing need with consideration to the rules of S106.

#### **4. What will happen to the staff at Wilby CE VA Primary School?**

All staff at Wilby CE VA Primary will relocate to work in the new school building at Glenvale Park, Wellingborough.

**5. Will Wilby CE VA Primary School have a new school uniform?**

Any decision on whether there will be a new school uniform will be made by the Governors of Wilby CE VA Primary School.

**6. What will happen to the vacated school building?**

The vacated school building will be repurposed for educational uses.

**7. How will the relocation benefit the pupils of Wilby CE VA Primary School?**

The pupils of Wilby CE VA Primary School will have the opportunity to learn and flourish in a fit for purpose new school building that has adequate external spaces and adequate dedicated intervention group spaces.

**8. How will the relocation benefit the staff of Wilby CE VA Primary School?**

A purpose-built new school will provide the opportunity for staff to teach in a fit for purpose building with adequate space for breakout areas for intervention groups, adequate external play areas and classrooms with upgraded IT infrastructure. These are a few examples of how this proposal will directly positively impact the staff of Wilby CE VA Primary School.

**9. Will Wilby CE VA Primary School capacity change?**

Wilby CE VA Primary School is currently 0.5FE, we will look to increase this to 1FE in the short term (the timing of this to be agreed) to support the school's financial viability. We do not expect this to impact on the surrounding schools.

**10. Will the relocation move disrupt learning?**

No. The relocation will be carefully planned and managed once the final decision is made by the North Northamptonshire Executive Council in November 2023. The Council will support Wilby CE VA Primary School to ensure a smooth transition from the Wilby school building to the newly built school at Glenvale Park.

**11. When will the relocation move take place?**

The final decision on whether Wilby CE VA Primary School relocates to the Glenvale Park site will be made by the North Northamptonshire Executive Council in November 2023. Following the Executive Council decision, a press release will be issued announcing the decision. If the Executive Council approve the relocation, the move will take place to coincide with the start of the academic year September 2024.

**12. What would be the admission arrangements?**

The admission arrangements will not change for families wanting to apply to Wilby CE VA Primary School. As the Glenvale Park development grows, primary aged children from the development would be invited to apply for a school place as part of the normal admissions process.

**13. Will the school's name change as a result of the relocation?**

Any decision on a new school name will not be made by the local authority, if any decision is to be made it will be made by Wilby CE VA Primary School and Governors.

**14. Will there be school transport available if needed by some pupils?**

North Northamptonshire Council would like to reassure all families affected by this proposal that it is our intention to ensure that no family will be financially disadvantaged by this move. If the recommendation is approved by the North Northamptonshire Council Executive this area of the relocation process will be considered.

**15. If a significant number of stakeholders are opposed to this proposal, how will the Council take their views into account?**

The Council will seek views from all interested parties and will balance this against its responsibility to effectively utilise its educational asset portfolio. Before making any final decision, the Council will consider a number of factors including views gathered from this consultation, any effect on school standards and the current accommodation at Wilby.

**16. How can you make your views known?**

We would like to hear your views on the proposal to relocate Wilby CE VA Primary School to the newly built school at the Glenvale Park site.

You can tell us whether you agree or disagree with the proposal and leave your comments. You have until **5<sup>th</sup> October 2023** to let us know your views. All responses will be taken into account once the consultation closes, however, we will not be able to acknowledge or respond individually to your comments.

You can give your views by completing the response form online [here](#).

Alternatively, you can email or send your comments in by post by using the contact details below.

If you have any queries, comments or would like a copy of this questionnaire in another format (including paper, easy read or large print) please contact us.

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**17. What happens next?**

At the end of the formal consultation period (4 weeks), the Council will consider the feedback and views expressed by all interested parties during the consultation. The formal consultation period provides the opportunity for people and stakeholders to submit their views and comments on the proposal.

Subject to the outcome of this formal consultation period, the Council intends to make a final decision on the proposal on the **16<sup>th</sup> November 2023**.