



KHD/MAW

20th October 2016

Dear Parent/Guardian

CHANGE OF CATCHMENT AREA

We have been made aware that Bedford Borough Council has decided to change its catchment area. They are now stating that the majority of students from Alban Church of England Academy will be expected to transfer to Mark Rutherford school, in Bedford, at the end of Year 6. As far as we are aware this has not been discussed with Central Bedfordshire Council and we knew nothing about this.

Parents have a right to choose the school they wish their son/daughter to attend, which does not have to be in catchment, as long as the school has places available. You would have to complete the admission form for the county where the school of choice is located, if you wish your son/daughter to attend. The only issue is that the local authority have the right not to provide transport to any family choosing to go out of catchment, which means you would have to make alternative arrangements for your son/daughter to get to the school of choice.

We are happy to admit students from Alban Church of England Academy in Year 9 and possibly into Year 7 in 2018, if our change of age range is approved. Therefore, we would be happy to arrange transport for students from this area to be brought into Sandy, at the lowest possible cost and, if possible, subsidised, so that parents are able to exercise their right of choice.

Should you wish to discuss this further, please do not hesitate to contact myself or Mrs Devereux at the school. Tel 01767 680598.

Yours faithfully

Miss K Hayward
Principal