**WE NEED TO HEAR PARENTAL VOICES!**

The new academic year has started and the School for Burnham working group need to hear especially the voices of two groups of parents.

Firstly, from parents whose children have started at their new secondary school. **What issues are you encountering?**

Secondly from parents of Year Six children at primary school who have started the process to select a secondary school for Autumn 2023.

Please visit the School for Burnham website and tell us what you think about your choices

[www.aschoolforburnham.com](http://www.aschoolforburnham.com)

During the past two months we have heard many positive comments about the need for a new secondary school in Burnham but we are not yet hearing enough voices that will enhance our approach to both central and local government.

Obviously – we are not in a position to wave a magic wand and re-open the non-selective secondary school in Burnham tomorrow but we all must think into the mid- and long term future as to the implications if the school was not to open and more houses were built on the site.

We are sure that neither central or local government have thought sufficiently of the impact of the Elizabeth Line on Slough, Burnham, Taplow and Maidenhead and of the significant increase in our population over the next decade.

It is unfair and indeed immoral that the majority of local children of secondary school age have to travel far further than necessary and often at their parents’ expense.

So do please write to the working group and also to central and local government.

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