

Burnham Secondary School Update 31st May 2022

This document/web page provides residents and councillors with the status of the activities of the Burnham Parish Council working group and its activities to hopefully get a non-selective secondary school established on what was the E-Act Burnham Park Academy site.

- Please refer to previous Updates given – details are not repeated here.
- Work for the public campaign has begun in earnest. Leaflets, posters, banners drafted and produced. All local Primary schools are being contacted to support with the distribution of the campaign materials. Social media presence has begun and we request everyone to assist in distributing the message – We need a local Non-Selective Secondary School.
- Funding for the campaign has been a concern. Funds are needed to produce the posters etc. How do we gain funds as we are not a charity. To date, we have managed with some funding from a few local businesses as given on the campaign leaflet. More may be needed in the future.
- The media will be key in the campaign. Initial press articles have been initiated but we will need to maintain a presence in the media. Letters sent in from the public will help.
- A Public Meeting has been organised on Tuesday 21st June 2022 at 7pm at the Burnham Park Hall.
- Buckinghamshire Council, Education department continue to reply with a standard letter to everyone. They are also providing an email address for us to write to MINISTERS@education.gov.uk. – **PLEASE DO NOT USE!** We are still unable to verify the specific department and individuals who manage this email address. It may be completely irrelevant to our campaign.
- Do parents know their catchment non-selective secondary schools? The majority of Burnham gets the faith school - Pioneer School in Stoke Poges (formerly known as the Khalsa Secondary). A small section of Burnham get the Bourne End Academy. The worry is that most parents do not even know! BC are being very slow about informing parents of this new catchment layout.
- Some members of the public believe the Parish Councillors can influence the return of the school. No they cannot! The permission of having a school has to come from the RSC (the Regional School's Commissioner) in the Department of Education. However, they rely on local authority information which is Bucks Council for us. So we really need Bucks Council with us. Bucks Council continue to state we do not have enough children in the area to justify a school and that all our children can be accommodated by the schools in Maidenhead.
- A separate campaign website is now live providing information for sending letters to the higher authorities and to sign a petition.
<https://aschoolforburnham.com/>
- Please read the information given on the Burnham Parish Council website-Projects-New School.. (<https://burnhamparish.gov.uk/newschoolinburnham>)

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Tell us how you can help?!