



Dear Families

As you know, Woodlands School opened a satellite provision for children with severe learning difficulties and associated needs including autism at Cranmere Primary School in October 2025. The partnership between the two schools has been incredibly successful to date: it has contributed additional high quality specialist places for children who need them; and has enabled Cranmere to make good use of vacant classroom space while generating additional income that is being reinvested directly into supporting its children.

In recognition of the success of the current partnership between the two schools, Surrey County Council has invited us to consider expanding the current satellite provision into additional vacant spaces available at Cranmere as it transitions to one-form entry. The proposal is to expand the current satellite provision by three further classes, providing places for an additional 24 children from October 2026.

Collectively, we view this as a positive opportunity to further enhance our existing partnership. The proposed expansion will amplify the current benefits for Cranmere and its pupils financially, enabling a continuation of our shared professional development and knowledge exchange, and adding strength to the number of specialist places in Surrey.

The proposals are designed to ensure that there is no adverse impact on the education, safety or day-to-day experience of pupils at Cranmere. As is currently the case, Woodlands @ Cranmere will continue to be self-contained, with its entrance, classrooms and play spaces separate. It will be run by staff employed by Woodlands School and overseen by the Woodlands School Co-Headteachers. There will be some refurbishment to the spaces under the proposals, creating a new entrance to the provision, office space as well as a small hall, with the learning spaces within the current Wildcats, Pangolins and Sea Otters (Year 5 & Year 6) classrooms. The proposals will also provide Cranmere with a new library, music room and staff areas. This work would be carried out during the summer holidays, and with a view to conclusion early in the autumn term 2026. You can view the plans for the refurbishment [here](#).

We are seeking views from families, local residents and other stakeholders through a formal consultation, starting on Monday 11th May 2026 and running until Friday 5th June 2026. You can feed in your views by completing the form [here](#) or by emailing us at consultation@bourne.education. As part of this process, we are also offering two opportunities to hear more about the proposals and ask questions of colleagues from Woodlands, Cranmere and Surrey County Council, as follows:

- Thursday 14th May 2026 at 7:15pm on [Microsoft Teams](#) and
- Thursday 21st May 2026 at 2:45pm at Cranmere Primary School

All feedback received during the consultation will be carefully considered before any final determination is taken.

We have also produced some frequently asked questions [here](#), which include information relating to transport arrangements, arrival and departure times, and site management. We will keep these updated throughout the consultation process and post them on both schools' websites.



Once the consultation has closed, we will consider the responses and publish the outcome, alongside our proposed next steps. This will be shared with families, local residents and stakeholders via the school websites and direct communication.

We recognise that these proposals may raise questions or concerns, and we are committed to listening carefully and responding openly throughout this process. We hope that you will take the opportunity to contribute your thoughts and we thank you for your continued support.



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