



29 September 2021

Dear parents and carers,

I am writing to you about our intention to remove the Physical Disability Unit (PDU) at Kings. This unit was originally required in order to allow students with physical disabilities to access a mainstream school place. Historically, this has meant that some students travelled significant distances, rather than attend their local school. As legislation, especially the 2010 Equalities Act, and school buildings have improved to ensure inclusivity is more widespread, so the need for this unit has reduced.

Whilst we, like all schools, have students with physical needs, we have not had any formal admissions to the unit since 2017. Our support for our students would be unaffected by the proposed change.

We do not believe that the removal of this unit will have any impact upon current students or staff, nor do we envisage that this will impact more widely on students within Surrey.

Consultation

As part of a formal consultation, we would like your opinion on our proposal to remove the Special Educational Needs Physical Disability Unit at Kings College, Guildford, from December 2021 and redirect space for educational and/or community use.

Rationale

The rationale for this change of provision is documented in the proposal, found [here](#) on our website, with supporting evidence from Surrey County Council.

Feedback

Your feedback is sought by 4pm Tuesday 26th October by any of the following means:

- Response to our online consultation questionnaire
[Follow link to start survey: <https://forms.office.com/r/Mq07HKy7M5>]
[Alternatively use QR code within proposal]
- Letter received, addressed to
Alastair McKenzie, Principal, Kings College, Southway, Guildford, Surrey, GU2 8DU
- Public Meeting hosted online at 5:30pm, Monday 11th October
Alastair McKenzie, Principal, Kings College, Guildford
[Follow link to enter meeting: <https://zoom.us/j/3095566387>]

Outcome

The outcome of this consultation will be posted on our trust website, as well as the school website.

Yours sincerely,

Mr A. McKenzie
Principal