

Central Bedfordshire Schools:

Key principles of decision-making

In making decisions about significant changes to your school, there are three 'golden rules' to follow. Any such decisions should be:

- (a) In line with the policies of the local authority and the Diocesan Board of Education
- (b) In the best interests of pupils locally
- (c) Unlikely to be of significant detriment to other local schools

You must also ensure that any decisions are aligned to DfE statutory regulations (maintained schools and federations), the requirements of the Regional Schools Commissioner (academies), and any other legal requirements.

Significant changes could include, but are not limited to:

- Change of name/phase/age range
- Entering into a formal collaboration or federation with one or more other school
- Conversion to academy status
- Joining a multi-academy trust
- Other category change

Please contact the Schools Team for advice on any of the above by emailing cbc@stalbans.anglican.org