



THE GRANGE SCHOOL

Mr V Murray – Headteacher

21 April 2026

STATUTORY PROPOSAL

STATUTORY PROPOSAL TO AFFECT THE REMOVAL OF THE AYLESBURY LEARNING PARTNERSHIP TRUST (ALPS) FOUNDATION BODY FROM THE GRANGE SCHOOL

INTRODUCTORY INFORMATION

All schools within the Aylesbury Learning Partnership Trust have consulted on their intention to remove the foundation from their school and to alter the Instrument of Government of the school to remove the category of foundation governors and replace with the category of partnership governor.

The schools are:

- **The Grange School, Wendover Way, Aylesbury HP21 7NH** an 11 to 18 mixed secondary school.
- **Turnfurlong Junior School, Turnfurlong Lane, Aylesbury H21 7PL** a 7 to 11 junior school.
- **Turnfurlong Infant School, Turnfurlong Lane, Aylesbury, HP21 7PL** an EYFS (age 2) to 7 infant school.

As all schools have reached the same conclusions regarding ALPS, and in the spirit of the continued collaboration, the Governing Boards have determined to implement the statutory processes in the same timeframe using common documents.

All schools are maintained foundation schools within Buckinghamshire, Buckinghamshire Council | Aylesbury, Chiltern, South Bucks, Wycombe.

School Details:

This is a proposal to remove **Aylesbury Learning Partnership Trust** as the foundation for The Grange School, Wendover Way, Aylesbury, HP21 7NH and alter the Instrument of Government of the school to remove the category of foundation governors. The school making this proposal is The Grange School, Wendover Way, Aylesbury, HP21 7NH an 11 to 18 non-selective upper school, which is a foundation school with a foundation established under Section 21 of the School Standards and Framework Act 1998.

Proposed Implementation Date:

The proposed implementation date is **1 September 2026**

Proposed Alteration:

Notice is given in accordance with Regulation 4a of The School Organisation (Removal of Foundation, Reduction in Number of Foundation Governors and Ability of Foundation to Pay Debts) (England) Regulations 2007 that the Governing Board of The Grange School, Wendover Way, Aylesbury, HP21 7NH proposes to remove the Aylesbury Learning Partnership Trust

as its foundation and alter the Instrument of Government of the school to remove the category of foundation governors.

Name of the Trust:

The name of the trust that the Governors intend to remove from **1 September 2026** is the **Aylesbury Learning Partnership Trust**. The Governors also intend to alter the Instrument of Government of their School to remove the category of foundation governors.

Consultation on Intention to Publish Proposals - Responses and Consideration:

In accordance with the requirements of Making significant changes ('prescribed alterations') to maintained schools and the School Organisation (Prescribed Alterations to Maintained Schools) (England) Regulations 2013, the Governing Board must consult on publishing proposals to remove the school's foundation and to alter the Instrument of Government of the School to remove the category of foundation governors.

The consultation documents were distributed to stakeholders between **15 January and 12 February 2026** via a letter posted on the school website and shared through staff and parent newsletters. The information provided set out the implications of the proposed change as well as the Governing Board's reasoning. The letter also included dates, times and venues of separate consultation meetings for parents/carers, staff, and other stakeholders.

Learners were consulted via Student Voice / Student Council, assemblies and a range of other internal school mechanisms.

There were 27 responses to the consultation. 20 were in support of the proposal; 7 were not in favour. Of those in opposition, which came from students, the issues raised did not relate to ALPS membership; only two comments were made and those related to general educational matters which were addressed by the school as appropriate. This was discussed in the Governing Board Meeting on **12 February 2026**.

After considering the responses to the consultation the Governing Board **resolved** to issue a **statutory proposal to remove Aylesbury Learning Partnership Trust** from The Grange School, Wendover Way, Aylesbury, HP21 7NH.

RATIONALE FOR REMOVING THE TRUST AND REMOVING THE CATEGORY OF FOUNDATION GOVERNORS

ALPS was formed in 2013 in response to the then threat of the forced academisation agenda and included schools with a shared co-operative and community focussed ethos. In the intervening period there have been two significant matters impacting the long-term viability of ALPS:

- Legislation has now moved on; the member schools are in a stronger position and Co-operative Trust membership no longer protects individual schools from forced academisation within the current legal framework.
- The legal framework governing ALPS, as laid out in the Articles of Association, has proved cumbersome and unwieldy to the extent that ALPS is not able to comply with all the requirements therein. Concerns about the practical implementation of the Articles have been raised with, and acknowledged by, the Co-operative Trust which has stated that there is no intent on their part to review or amend them.

Whilst there remains a desire to continue to work together, for the benefit of staff and pupils, the support of the Co-operative Trust is no longer a strategic priority, and the legal framework of ALPS is considered a hinderance.

Implications of removing the foundation:

- a. Land Transfer:** Currently the land and buildings used by the school is held by **Aylesbury Learning Partnership Trust** on trust for the school. If, following a careful consideration of all the responses to these proposals, the Governing Board chooses to proceed to remove the foundation, ownership of the land and buildings used by the school will transfer from the foundation to the Governing Board to be held for the purposes of the school.

No payment will fall to be made by the Governing Board to either the Council or the foundation in respect of the transfer of the land and buildings.

After the transfer, the requirements of the School Premises Regulations 1999 will continue to apply and be satisfied.

- b. Governance:** If **Aylesbury Learning Partnership Trust** ceases to be the foundation which supports the school, then its eligibility to appoint the foundation governors to the Governing Board of the School also ceases. The Instrument of Government for the School will need to be redrafted to remove references to the foundation governors. The category of Foundation Governor is replaced by Partnership Governor. There would be no other change to the composition of the Governing Board.

In accordance with The School Governance (Constitution) (England) Regulations 2012, the size of the Governing Board would be 12 constituted as follows: -

- 2 parent governors;
- The Headteacher;
- 1 staff governor;
- 2 partnership governors;
- 5 co-opted governors.
- 1 local authority governor.

The new structure of the Governing Board would be reflected in a new Instrument of Government made by the local authority and coming into force on **1 September 2026**.

- c. Operational Implications:** The school remains a foundation school, albeit without a linked foundation, and the Governing Board will remain the employer of the staff, will become the owner of the land and buildings and will remain the admissions authority for the school.
- d. Impact on Staff, Students and Standards:** There will be no impact on staff, students and standards; the operation and management of the school will continue unchanged. The three member schools are committed to the principles of collaboration, for the benefit of staff and students; the legal entity of the Aylesbury Learning Partnership Trust had no direct or indirect impact on the day-to-day experiences of staff, students or parents.

Representations on the Proposal:

Within six weeks from the date of publication of these proposals - **by midnight Wednesday 3 June 2026** - any person may make representations on the proposal by writing to the school at the address below or by e-mail to office@grangege.bucks.sch.uk.

Decision as to Implementation:

After carefully considering all responses to these proposals, the Governing Board will decide whether it wishes to remove the foundation and alter the Instrument of Government of the school to remove the category of foundation governors.



Chair of Governors

Dated: 22 April 2026