



## **Have your say on alternative provision in Buckinghamshire**

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### **Overview**

**We want to hear your views on your experience of alternative provision in Buckinghamshire so that we can understand what is working well and what needs to improve.**

Alternative provision is:

- education arranged by local authorities for pupils who, because of exclusion, illness or other reasons, would not otherwise receive suitable education
- education arranged by schools for pupils on a fixed period exclusion
- pupils being directed by schools to off-site provision to improve their behaviour

Your feedback will help us to continue working to provide the most effective alternative provision arrangements in Buckinghamshire, that are right for our children and young people and best meet their needs.

We want to hear from:

- Parents, carers or adult family members of a child or young person accessing alternative provision
- Children or young people accessing alternative provision who are 13 years old or above

**If you are not a child or young person, please complete one survey for each child or young person accessing alternative provision.**

## How to have your say

You can tell us your views in one of the following ways:

- complete the online survey at <https://yourvoicebucks.citizenspace.com/childrens-services/c7fe6482>
- complete, and return, a printed version of the survey below
- email us at [educationconsultation@buckinghamshire.gov.uk](mailto:educationconsultation@buckinghamshire.gov.uk)

If you have any questions about this activity, please email us at [educationconsultation@buckinghamshire.gov.uk](mailto:educationconsultation@buckinghamshire.gov.uk) or phone us on 01296 382891.

Please contact us if you would like this consultation in another format or language.

**Please tell us your views by midnight on Sunday 16 July 2023.**

## What happens next

Your feedback will be used to help us identify what is working well as well as what changes and improvements may be required to ensure there is high-quality alternative provision available in Buckinghamshire.

## Privacy

We will use the information you provide here only for this activity. We will store the information securely in line with data protection laws and will not share or publish any personal details. For more information about data and privacy, please see our [Privacy Policy](#).

If you have questions about data and privacy, please email us on [dataprotection@buckinghamshire.gov.uk](mailto:dataprotection@buckinghamshire.gov.uk). Or write to our Data Protection Officer at Buckinghamshire Council, The Gateway, Gatehouse Road, Aylesbury, HP19 8FF.

## Printed survey

### About you

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#### 1. Which of the following describe you?

Please tick (✓) one option

- ☐ Child or young person accessing alternative provision (go to question 2)
- ☐ Parent or carer of a child accessing alternative provision (go to question 7)
- ☐ Adult family member of a child accessing alternative provision (go to question 7)
- ☐ Other (please give details below) (go to question 7):

### Child or young person

#### 2. How old are you?

Please tick (✓) one option

- ☐ 13 to 15
- ☐ 16 to 18
- ☐ Prefer not to say

#### 3. Do you have an education, health and care plan (EHCP)?

Please tick (✓) one option

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No
- ☐ I don't know
- ☐ Prefer not to say

#### 4. Where do you go for your education? You do not have to say.

**5. What do you like about where you go for your education?**

**6. What do you think could be better about where you go for your education?**

**End of survey if a child or young person**

**Parent, carer, family member or other**

Wherever we have used the term 'child' in the survey we mean child or young person.

Please complete one survey for each child accessing alternative provision.

**7. What is the school age of your child accessing alternative provision?**

Please tick (✓) one option

☐ Primary school age

☐ Secondary school age

☐ Post 16

**8. Does your child accessing alternative provision have an education, health and care plan (EHCP) or additional needs?**

Please tick (✓) one option

☐ Education, health and care plan (EHCP)

☐ Additional needs (please give details below):

## About your child's alternative provision placement

**9. Which alternative provision provider(s) is your child currently accessing?**

Please do not answer this question if you don't want to say.

**10. Why does your child require alternative provision?**

**11. How was your child's alternative provision arranged?**

Please tick (✓) one option

- ☐ Arranged by the school
- ☐ Arranged by Buckinghamshire Council
- ☐ I don't know

**12. Were you given a choice about whether your child should access alternative provision?**

Please tick (✓) one option

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No
- ☐ I don't know

**13. How long has your child been at their current alternative provision placement?**

Please tick (✓) one option

- ☐ Less than one month
- ☐ One to three months
- ☐ Four to six months
- ☐ Longer than six months (please say how long below):

## About your experience with alternative provision in Buckinghamshire

### 14. Overall, how satisfied or dissatisfied are you with your experience of alternative provision?

Please tick (✓) one option

- ☐ Very satisfied
- ☐ Fairly satisfied
- ☐ Neither satisfied nor dissatisfied
- ☐ Fairly dissatisfied
- ☐ Very dissatisfied
- ☐ I don't know

### 15. To what extent do you agree or disagree that accessing alternative provision has helped your child?

Please tick (✓) one option

- ☐ Strongly agree
- ☐ Agree
- ☐ Neither agree nor disagree
- ☐ Disagree
- ☐ Strongly disagree
- ☐ I don't know

### 16. Please tell us the reasons for your previous answer:

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**17. How would you rate the following aspects of your child's alternative provision placement?**

Please tick (✓) one for each option / statement

[illegible]

**18. To what extent do you agree or disagree with the following statements about your child's alternative provision?**

Please tick (✓) one for each option / statement

	Strongly agree	Agree	Neither agree nor disagree	Disagree	Strongly disagree	I don't know
My child's experience with alternative provision has made them feel valued and included in their community	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
The provider will be successful in helping my child transition back to mainstream education	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
The provider is helping my child plan the next stage of their education / employment / training	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

**19. What do you think is working well with alternative provision in Buckinghamshire?**

**20. What needs to improve or be changed with alternative provision in Buckinghamshire?**



**21. Is there anything else you want to tell us about your experience with alternative provision in Buckinghamshire?**

**End of survey if a parent, carer, family member or other**

**Thank you for taking the time to complete this survey.**

Please return your completed survey by midnight on **Sunday 16 July 2023**. You can:

- email it to [educationconsultation@buckinghamshire.gov.uk](mailto:educationconsultation@buckinghamshire.gov.uk)
- post it to Alternative provision survey, Education Strategy Team, Buckinghamshire Council, Walton Street Offices, Walton Street, Aylesbury, HP20 1UA