

Dear Parents, Carers, Guardians and Members of Staff

### Bower Lane Consultation

In order to enable us to move to the new school being built at Bower Lane, Bridgwater in September 2021, we are working closely with the County Council and now need to formally consult with you over our joint proposals.

Although Penrose and Elmwood schools will be amalgamating, one school technically has to close while the other expands its provision.

Therefore, our proposals are as follows:

- Penrose Special School will close at the end of this academic year;
- Elmwood Special School's registered capacity will increase to 200 places and the school will extend its age range from 11-19 to 4-19 in order to accommodate existing Penrose pupils;
- Prior to the relocation to Bower Lane, we will change our name to 'Polden Bower Special School'.

The next page provides an opportunity for you to let the County Council and the governing body know whether or not you agree with these proposals and whether you have any comments to make.

Please could I ask you to complete the form and hand it back to the school office.

If you would prefer to submit your feedback online, you can access the survey at this address:  
<https://tinyurl.com/yy5zyfw>

Alternatively, if you have a QR code reader, you can access the consultation here:



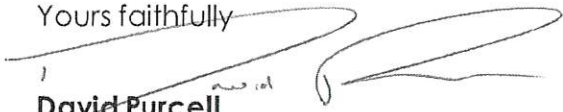
This consultation will run until 5.00pm on **Monday 30 November 2010**. At the end of the consultation, a report will be produced by the County Council summarising the feedback you

provide. We will then publish a statutory notice which will be publicly available, allowing anyone to comment on the proposals.

The coronavirus situation will sadly not allow us to offer parents and carers the opportunity to drop-in and discuss the proposals, as we would normally do. However, there is a space for your contact details at the bottom of the form. If you would like to discuss the proposals, or you need some help in expressing your views, please let us know and we will be in touch.

Thank you very much for your feedback.

Yours faithfully



**David Purcell**  
Chair of Governors