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Surrey County Council consultation on the future of Children's Centres

Dear Parents and Carers

I am writing to inform you that Surrey County Council have launched a public consultation on the future of Children's Centres.

As many of you will already be aware, having used our centre, Bagshot Infant School runs a Children's Centre supporting families in the three villages of Bagshot, Lightwater and Windlesham.

I am very disappointed to report that Surrey County Council are proposing to reduce the number of Children's Centres from 58 to 21 and our centre, in Bagshot, has been earmarked for closure.

Our centre, with its highly dedicated staff team have supported local children and families for over 10 years in areas as diverse as breastfeeding, parenting courses, play and learn sessions, baby massage, cooking and career development.

I firmly believe the centre has had an immeasurably positive impact on local families and our community and its proposed closure will detrimentally impact the life chances of the next generation of children.

Whilst you might not currently use these services I am sure they have touched your family's and friend's lives at some point, over the last 10 years and you recognise the value they bring and the importance of keeping local services for our community.

Surrey County Council are currently consulting with members of the public on their plans. We have until **4th January 2019** to; tell Surrey County Council our views on their plans, share how much we value having these services located, want them available within our local community, and how much we object to the proposed closures.

I urge you to please read the consultation document for yourselves and take the time to respond, so that everyone's views are heard.

<https://www.surreysays.co.uk/csf/family-resilience-childrens-centres/>

If you have any questions please do not hesitate to speak to me or Caroline Atkins, Children's Centre Manager.

Yours sincerely

Miss K Aldred
Headteacher

