

Annex B: Standard Impact Assessment

Impact Assessment

1. Section 9 of the Academies Act 2010 (later as amended by the Education Act 2011) places a duty upon the Secretary of State to take into account what the impact of establishing the institution would likely be on maintained schools, Academies, institutions within the further education sector and alternative provision in the area in which the institution is (or is proposed to be) situated. Any adverse impact will need to be balanced against the benefits of establishing the new school.
2. We have carried out an Impact Assessment, which concludes that the impact on local schools and educational institutions should be **minimal to moderate**.
3. Bedford City Council is supportive of the free school and is planning for its opening.
4. Overall, officials judge that the size and location of Kimberley 16-19 STEM College, coupled with the integration into the local authority strategic plan for the city, means that any impact of the free school is manageable. We expect there to be a moderate impact on one institution, Bedford Academy, but no threat to the future viability of any school. The establishment of Kimberley 16-19 STEM College is likely to have a positive impact in improving parental and student choice by widening the number and type of places available, and by driving up standards in surrounding schools and colleges.
5. In the light of the evidence there is no reason why the Secretary of State should not enter into a Funding Agreement as a result of negative impact

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The table below details the impact rating on schools within a five mile radius of the Free School.

School name	School type	Capacity	Percentage of 16-18 year old pupils achieving 2 or more A levels or equivalent 2012 (National average 63.7%)	Ofsted grade	Impact rating
Wootton Upper School	13-18 age range Academy Converter	1212 school places. Surplus school places of -4% Oversubscribed for 2011/12	83%	Good	Minimal - The Free School is unlikely to affect the long term viability of the school which is art specialist and oversubscribed.
Hastingsbury Business & Enterprise College	13-18 age range Foundation School	957 school places. Surplus school places of 7% Undersubscribed for 2011/12	48%	Requires improvement	Minimal – No STEM focus specialises in business & enterprise and undersubscribed for post 16.
Redborne Upper School and Community College	13-18 age range Academy Converter	1445 school places. Surplus school places of 1% Oversubscribed for 2011/12	91%	Outstanding	Minimal - The Free School is unlikely to affect the long term viability of the school. Oversubscribed, no STEM focus post-16
Bedford Academy	11-18 age range. Academy Sponsor	900 school places. Surplus school places of 26% Undersubscribed for 2011/12	40%	Satisfactory	Moderate – STEM focus on science and technology but undersubscribed for post 16. Very small sixth form with attainment in GCSE A level varying from below average to average
Biddenham Upper School and Sports	13-18 age range Foundation School	1145 school places. Surplus school places of 9%	83%	Good	Minimal - The Free School is unlikely to affect the long term viability of the school which is sports specialists and oversubscribed post-16

College		Oversubscribed for 2011/12			
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