



## Significant Change Proposal for Consultation - Cranbury College

Maiden Erlegh Trust proposes making a significant change to Cranbury College, Cranbury Road, RG30 2TS. As this change is considered by the DfE to be a “significant change” we are formally consulting with stakeholders and partners. The Trust is proposing to:

- Operate a satellite site within the grounds of Great Hollands Primary School, Wordsworth, Bracknell, Berkshire, RG12 8YR. This will allow us to offer pupil placements for primary aged pupils to strengthen alternative provision, improve inclusion, and ensure vulnerable children and young people are educated as close to home as possible.
- This provision will be led and managed by Cranbury College and its staff and will remain a separate provision from Great Hollands Primary School. Where appropriate, staff from both settings may support across both provisions as part of the wider Trust staff deployment practise.

These proposed changes will require amending the school’s supplementary funding agreement and DfE registration details.

### Background and rationale for the proposed change

Cranbury College is an alternative provision provider for young people in the local communities ranging from 5-16 years old. We support learners recovering from the trauma of permanent exclusion, those that unintentionally exclude themselves from education and children who cannot access school for various reasons.

Cranbury College joined Maiden Erlegh Trust in August 2020 and has since grown and developed a comprehensive provision to support the needs of the local community. In January 2025, Cranbury College underwent its most recent OFSTED inspection and maintained the previous standards, 'Good' in all judgement areas. We are committed to a continuous journey of improvement for our whole school community.



## **Designating places for Local Authority primary aged pupils on the Great Hollands Primary School site**

There is a clear and growing demand within the local area for high-quality, age-appropriate registered alternative provision, particularly for primary-aged pupils who are unable to access mainstream education due to a range of social, emotional, behavioural or medical needs. Maiden Erlegh Trust proposes to host this provision within an adapted and appropriate space located at Great Hollands Primary School. The benefit of this proposal is that it continues to local provision for local children in an age-appropriate setting.

Maiden Erlegh Trust proposes to utilise space at Great Hollands Primary School that arises from falling pupil rolls. The school has a built capacity for 630 pupils, but current NOR is 255 pupils. The Trust has ring-fenced capital funds to make appropriate adaptations to ensure that the learning space for these pupils meets their needs whilst maintains appropriate safeguards.

### **Innovation to support local communities**

Maiden Erlegh Trust's strategic decision to expand its Alternative Provision offer through the capacity and expertise of Cranbury College arises from both an organisational need and the broader educational policy context.

The College's restructure in September 2025 has created an opportunity to reimagine the delivery of services to vulnerable learners. By separating the permanent exclusion placements from the proposed specialist SEMH provision and the wider Alternative Provision offer, Cranbury College can create a more comprehensive and preventative model, capable of both reducing exclusions and meeting the needs of complex vulnerable learners.

These proposed changes will add local capacity for Local Authorities to support children with an appropriate EHCP to access a specialist setting and support those vulnerable students to access a suitable interim provision within the local community.

Maiden Erlegh Trust would appreciate your response to this proposal:

- Do you support the proposed changes to Cranbury College outlined in this consultation?
- Do you have any comments to make on the proposed changes?

We value your opinion so if you would like to feedback into this consultation, please complete the short survey which can be found [Cranbury College Consultation Survey: Cranbury College Consultation April 2026 - Significant Change Proposal Form](#).



The consultation will run from Thursday 23 April 2026 to Thursday 14 May 2026.

Kind regards



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