

Amalgamation of Moorside Infant School and Moorside Junior School in Ripon to create a single 3-11 primary school on the Moorside Junior School site, and expansion of Mowbray School onto an additional site and an increase in the number of places in the special school using the Moorside Infant School site

Part 1 - Moorside Infant School – Discontinuance

Statutory proposals for school closures

As set out in the Establishment and Discontinuance Regulations the information below **must** be included in a proposal to close a school:

Contact details

Proposal published by North Yorkshire County Council, County Hall, Northallerton, DL7 8AE, to discontinue Moorside Infant School, Ripon, Harrogate, North Yorkshire, HG4 1SU from 29 April 2019.

Moorside Infant School is a 3-7 school in the Harrogate area.

Implementation

It is proposed to close the school from 29 April 2019.

Reason for closure

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The proposal is to close Moorside Infant School with effect from 29 April 2019. This proposal is related to proposals to enlarge and alter the age range of Moorside Junior School and the expansion of Mowbray School onto an additional site and an increase in the number of places in the special school using the Moorside Infant School site.

Moorside Infant and Junior Schools share the same site on the south side of Ripon and serve an area to the west of the Harrogate Road.

Moorside Infant School accommodates children aged 3-7, with Moorside Junior School accommodating children living in the same area from 7-11. Pupils transfer from the Infant to the Junior school at age 7. Parents are required to express a preference in advance of this transfer. The objective of the proposal, and a related proposal to enlarge and alter the age range of Moorside Junior School, is to create a single 3-11 school which will deliver an all-through primary education. The removal of transition at age 7 would allow an uninterrupted learning experience from age 3 through to 11, in keeping with the majority of pupils nationally. The single school would work on the existing Moorside Junior School site.

The removal of transition at age 7 would allow an uninterrupted learning experience from age 3 to 11.

Moorside Infant School was inspected by Ofsted in Spring 2016 which judged its overall effectiveness to be inadequate. The Regional Schools Commissioner (RSC) issued a Directive Academy Order on 18 April 2016. Since then, however, no academy sponsor for Moorside Infant School has been forthcoming. Following discussion with the Regional Schools Commissioner's Office, it is now proposed to amalgamate Moorside Infant and Junior School through the closure of Moorside Infant School and the expansion of Moorside Junior School. The RSC are revoking the Directive Academy Order which will allow Moorside Infant School to amalgamate with Moorside Junior School. Moorside Junior School was inspected by Ofsted in May 2017 and was judged to be Good. Amalgamating the two schools together would enable the combined expertise of the staff to be deployed more efficiently and effectively for all pupils. These measures are expected to make improvements to standards more achievable and sustainable. Moorside Infant School was inspected again by Ofsted in October 2018; the results of this inspection will be published in late November.

Pupil numbers and admissions

There are currently 69 pupils on roll at the school as of September 2018 (not including Nursery). 24 pupils in Reception, 20 in Year 1 and 25 in Year 2.

The school's age range is 3-7 years, and provision is available for boys and girls. There is no boarding provision. There are currently no pupils with statements of SEN. There are 8 pupils with Education, Health and Care plans at Moorside Infant School and Moorside Junior School. Total pupil numbers are significantly lower than the capacity of the school which is designed to accommodate up to 135 pupils.

Displaced pupils

- a) No interim arrangements have been necessary.

If the proposal is approved, the area currently served by the school would be served by the enlarged Moorside Junior School from 29 April 2019. The related proposal includes the enlargement and change of age range of Moorside Junior School. Children currently on roll at Moorside Infant School would automatically be transferred to the roll of the new single primary school. Due to the related proposal in respect of the Junior School there is no additional need for school places in respect of displaced pupils.

It is proposed to reduce the Published Admission Number from 36 at Moorside Infant and Junior Schools to 30 at the amalgamated primary school, leading to a small overall reduction of 42 mainstream primary school places.

- b) Not applicable in this case
- c) Not applicable in this case

Impact on the community

No impact on the community is anticipated.

The County Council's Strategic Plan for Special Educational Needs & Disability (SEND) Education Provision 2018 – 2023 includes proposals to create new special school provision through exploring the establishment of satellite specialist provision in the Ripon area during 2018/19. This would result in the current Moorside Infant school building being used by Mowbray School for specialist provision.

Rural primary schools

Not applicable as none of the schools are designated as Rural primary school

Balance of denominational provision

Not applicable.

Maintained nursery schools

Not applicable

Sixth form provision

Not applicable

Special educational needs provision

The existing provision at Moorside Infant School is not reserved for pupils with special educational needs.

Travel

NYCC and the schools are committed to ensuring that parents and pupils travel to school in sustainable way and are encouraged to walk or cycle to school where possible. The schools operate on adjacent sites. There would be no impact on home to school transport.

Where a child attends a school which is not their normal school or nearest school, parents are normally responsible for making transport arrangements.

Eligibility for home to school transport will be determined in line with the County Council's current home to school transport policy and procedures based on each child's home address and individual circumstances.

Consultation

The decision to consult on amalgamation and closure was taken by the Executive Member for Schools following a request from governors on 11 September 2018. A

consultation paper setting out the proposal was sent to parents of pupils on roll, staff at the school as well as other interested parties and individuals. A copy of the consultation paper is attached as Appendix 1. A list of the consultees is attached as Appendix 2. The consultation period ran from 21 September 2018 to 9 November 2018. A public meeting was held at the school on 3 October 2018, a note of that meeting is attached as Appendix 3. There have been 9 consultation responses received (Appendix 4).

Procedure for making representations (objections and comments)

Within four weeks from the date of publication of this proposal, any person may object to or make comments on the proposal by sending them to Corporate Director-Children and Young People's Service, North Yorkshire County Council, County Hall, Northallerton, DL7 8AE, by 8 February 2019.

Appendix 1a: Consultation Paper
Appendix 2a: List of the Consultees
Appendix 3a: Notes of the Public Meeting
Appendix 4a: Consultation Responses



Consultation Document

**Proposal to amalgamate Moorside Infant School and
Moorside Junior School in Ripon to create a single 3-
11 primary school on the Junior School site**

**(to be known as
Moorside Primary School & Nursery)**

**through the technical closure of Moorside Infant School as a
separate entity and the enlargement and change of age range of
Moorside Junior School**

from 29 April 2019

Moorside Infant School and Moorside Junior School, Ripon

September 2018

This paper sets out proposals to amalgamate Moorside Infant School and Moorside Junior School in Ripon. This would create a single 3-11 primary school on the Junior School site (to be known as Moorside Primary School & Nursery) through the technical closure of Moorside Infant School as a separate entity and the enlargement and change of age range of Moorside Junior School.

This proposal is linked to proposals set out in another consultation document to create satellite specialist provision from Mowbray School on the Moorside Infant site (This Mowbray consultation document can be obtained from the school or on www.northyorks.gov.uk/consultations).

This paper gives the background to the amalgamation proposal. There will be a public meeting on:

Wednesday 3 October 2018 at 6.30 pm

**at Moorside Infant School, Harrogate Road, Ripon
North Yorkshire HG4 1SU**

The Current Position

Moorside Infant School and Moorside Junior School share the same site on the south side of Ripon and serve an area to the west of the Harrogate Road.

Moorside Infant School accommodates children aged 3-7, with Moorside Junior School accommodating children living in the same area from 7-11. Pupils transfer from the Infant to the Junior school at age 7. Parents are required to express a preference in advance of this transfer.

Since September 2016, the schools have been led by an Executive leadership. This arrangement has ensured that the good practice in both schools is shared and children experience a consistent education throughout their time in both schools.

From September 2017, the Governing Boards have had the same members but there remains two separate Governing Boards.

The school governors and the County Council now feel that it is in the best interests of both schools to amalgamate.

Background

In spring 2016, the Governing Bodies of both schools asked the County Council to consult on a proposal to bring the two schools together to form a single primary school through an amalgamation. Shortly afterwards, Moorside Infant School was inspected by Ofsted which judged its overall effectiveness to be inadequate. The Regional Schools Commissioner (RSC) issued a Directive Academy Order on 18 April 2016 and the County Council was informed that it would not be appropriate to consult on a proposal to amalgamate the two schools.

Since then, however, no academy sponsor for Moorside Infant School has been forthcoming. Following discussion with the Regional Schools Commissioner's Office, it is now proposed to consult on the amalgamation of Moorside Infant and Junior School through the closure of Moorside Infant School and the expansion of Moorside Junior School. The RSC has

indicated that they will begin the process of revoking the Directive Academy Order which would allow Moorside Infant School to amalgamate with Moorside Junior School.

This amalgamation proposal now suggested therefore returns the schools to the original expected position, as proposed in spring 2016, although for financial and operational reasons, the intention is now to operate from the Moorside Junior building rather than across both schools' buildings. Moorside Junior School was inspected by Ofsted in May 2017 and was judged to be Good.

Pupil Numbers

As at May 2018 there are 71 pupils of mainstream school age at Moorside Infants School and 107 pupils at Moorside Junior School.

It is proposed to reduce the Published Admission Number from 36 at Moorside Infant and Junior Schools to 30 at the amalgamated primary school, leading to a small overall reduction of 42 mainstream primary school places. It is considered that this is outweighed by the ability for an amalgamated Moorside school on a single site to deliver a balanced budget, while the Infant school site offers the potential to provide additional specialist school places created through a new satellite provision.

The reduction in mainstream school places at Moorside, should the amalgamation proceed, is unlikely to create a shortfall in the wider area.

Following amalgamation, there would be 1,412 primary places in the Ripon City area (including Sharow CE and Bishop Monkton CE), with a forecast 1,259 pupils in 2019/20 and 1,204 in 2022/23. Outstanding housing permissions could generate an additional 156 primary-aged pupils. These figures exclude housing proposals in the Local Plan as Harrogate Borough Council are yet to finalise their Local Plan site allocations. The main areas of housing development proposed in the city, however, are likely to

be on the Deverell and Claro Barracks, to the west of the city centre, and away from Moorside School, and which are likely to require a new primary school as part of that development.

The Financial Position

The financial projection for the Infants School was a £59,830 in-year deficit for 2018/19.

An amalgamated budget has been approved by the Governing Bodies at their meeting on 27 June 2018. The budget assumes amalgamation (technical closure of Moorside Infants School) in September 2019. There is a positive in-year position for 19/20 and 20/21 under the proposed new arrangements. There is a negative in-year position for 21/22 and 22/23 but it is felt this can be improved upon given the scope for increased pupil numbers and further cost efficiencies.

The Proposal

For the reasons above it is proposed to amalgamate Moorside Infant and Junior Schools in Ripon to create a single 3-11 primary school on the Junior School site (to be known as Moorside Primary School & Nursery) through the technical closure of Moorside Infant School as a separate entity and the enlargement and change of age range of Moorside Junior School.

Staff

A separate consultation process, including a staff meeting, is running in parallel with this consultation.

The Buildings

Works will be required to adapt the Junior School building for a 3-11 school, to adapt the Infant School for a specialist provision, and associated access works.

The scope of these works will need to include the conversion of junior

classrooms, cloaks and toilets for use by nursery and infant classes, provision of outdoor play areas for nursery and reception classes, provision of additional staff and toilet facilities, extending car parks and improving vehicular access, providing ramped access to buildings and enhancing boundary fencing.

A planning application will be submitted to the County Council's planning department for these works.

What Happens Next?

Your views about this proposal are welcomed. You can either complete and return the attached response sheet, or submit an online response

Paper responses should be returned to North Yorkshire County Council at the address below:

FREEPOST RTKE-RKAY-CUJS
Moorside Schools
Strategic Planning
North Yorkshire County Council
County Hall

NORTHALLERTON
DL7 8AE

Online responses may be submitted by following this link:

<https://consult.northyorks.gov.uk/snapweb/host/s.asp?k=153605637208>

**The closing date for responses is
9 November 2018**

All responses to the consultation received by this date will be considered by the County Council's Executive on 27 November 2018.

If the County Council's Executive decides to proceed with the closure proposal, then statutory notices would be published in the local press on 11 January 2019. These notices provide a further four weeks for representations to be made. A final decision would then be made by North Yorkshire County Council's Executive on 19 February 2019. If agreed, the schools would amalgamate from 29 April 2019.

Anticipated Key Dates

All dates are subject to approvals at each stage.

Consultation opens	21 September 2018
Public meeting at the school	3 October 2018 at 6:30pm
Consultation closes	9 November 2018
County Council's Executive considers consultation response	27 November 2018
Statutory Notices published (4 weeks for representations to be made)	11 January 2019 – 8 February 2019
Final decision by County Council's Executive	19 February 2019
Amalgamation	29 April 2019

The proposal to create satellite specialist provision from Mowbray School on the Moorside Infant site will follow the same timescales, apart from the opening of the provision, which is proposed to be from 1 September 2019.

Moorside Infant School and Moorside Junior Schools, Ripon
A consultation on whether the schools should be amalgamated

Observations and/or suggestions:

Interest/Status

e.g. Parent/Governor/Teacher/Community

Name of School

Signed

Date:

Name (Block Capitals)

Address:
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Postcode:

To help us assess whether we have provided clear information, please let us know whether you found this consultation easy to understand? YES/NO

Do you have any suggestions for improvement?

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Under the provisions of the Freedom of Information Act 2000, responses to the consultation may be published on the County Council's website where it may be accessed by members of the public. Your personal details will not be published.

Please send this response sheet to the following "FREEPOST" address. You do not need to use a postage stamp.

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and submit your response there

To be received by no later than 9 November 2018

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List of Consultees

Parents of pupils of Moorside Infant and Moorside Junior
Staff of Moorside Infant and Moorside Junior
Local Authority – North Yorkshire County Council
Governing Bodies of other local primary and secondary schools
Local Primary & Secondary Schools
Unions and Professional Associations
Any Interest / user groups nominated by the school
Diocese
Local County Councillors
District Councillor
Local District: Harrogate Borough Council
City Council
Local Early Years providers
RSC
Secretary of State

Moorside and Mowbray Public Consultation

Record of public meeting on 3 October 2018

6.30pm at Moorside Infant School

Present

Chair – Cllr Patrick Mulligan (Executive Member for Schools)

NYCC Officers – John Lee (JL) (Strategic Planning Officer), Beth Latimer (BL) (Strategic Planning Support Officer), Jane Harvey (JH) (Strategic Planning and Development Officer, Inclusion), Christine Windwood (CW) (School Improvement Adviser), Karen Butler (KB) (School Improvement Adviser)

School representatives – Claire Rowett (CR) (Acting Headteacher at Moorside Infant & Junior School), Jonathan Tearle (JT) (Headteacher at Mowbray), Mary Kelly (MK) (Chair of Governors at Moorside), Chris Lea (CL) (Governor at Moorside)

There were approximately 32 people present.

Opening and Introduction by Cllr Patrick Mulligan

Cllr Mulligan explained the meeting was part of the formal consultation process. He explained the format of the evening and introduced the panel.

Presentation by John Lee

JL outlined the purpose of the meeting and the consultation process, the detail and rationale of the proposals.

It is proposed that Moorside School would operate as a single 3-11 primary school on the Moorside Junior School site. It is proposed that the buildings on this site would be refurbished to provide new classrooms, cloaks and toilets for nursery and infant pupils, additional staff facilities, and extended car parking. The Moorside Infant School site would be adapted for use as a satellite specialist provision.

Admissions to reception would be unaffected, other than there will be a reduction of the school's published admission number from 36 to 30. There would no longer be a requirement for parents to apply for places in Year 3.

JL informed that change was being proposed for the following reasons:

- Existing shared Leadership at Moorside Infant and Junior Schools – long-standing ambition of both schools. Since September 2016, the schools have been led by an Executive leadership. Since September 2017, the Governing Boards have had the same members, although there remain two separate boards.
- Moorside Infant School Directive Academy Order – Issued by Regional Schools Commissioner following Ofsted inspected which judged the overall effectiveness to be inadequate. Since then, though, no academy sponsor for Moorside Infant School has come forward. Following discussion with the Regional Schools Commissioner, it is now proposed to consult on the amalgamation of Moorside Infant and Junior School through the closure of Moorside Infant School and the expansion of Moorside Junior School.
- Need for financial efficiencies – across the county, an increasing number of schools are facing cost pressures. School funding is driven by pupil numbers. Pupil numbers at Moorside Schools have fallen. The amalgamation on a single site will enable the school to operate more efficiently, with only one set of premises costs for heating, lighting etc.
- NYCC SEND Strategic Plan – Mowbray – The County Council's Strategic Plan for SEND Education Provision includes proposals to create new special school provision. This includes exploring establishing satellite specialist provision in Ripon.

Presentation by Claire Rowett

CR provided an update on how Moorside Infant and Junior schools currently operate and the benefits of the proposed amalgamation. Since 2016 the school has been progressing with improved pupil outcomes at the end of Reception and KS1 results in July 2018. CR informed that Moorside children currently enter the Infant school in Nursery then need to apply to attend and transition into Reception followed by KS1, parents then need to apply for a place at Moorside Junior school for KS2. It was highlighted the process of the transition in supporting pupils can be stressful for both pupils and parents and requires a huge amount of work. A benefit of amalgamation would allow pupils to remain in the same setting and environment.

The Junior school playgrounds, fields and Forest School will be retained, there will be a new outdoor area for Foundation and KS1, and 3 out of the 4 entrances will be retained. The Junior site works will dramatically improve and upgrade the facilities and space. There will also be a parent meeting room, a nurture room, group working areas and offices for the school to run efficiently.

There are many benefits of amalgamating such as improving outcomes for all pupils, shared leadership and expectations, improved and consistent learning environments, modern school fit for purpose, continuous curriculum and efficient use of funding and resources.

Presentation by Jane Harvey

JH provided an overview of the SEND strategic plan in North Yorkshire. JH encouraged all to read the new document online or collect a hardcopy. The SEND Strategic Plan includes proposals to increase the number of specialist day places in North Yorkshire special schools to ensure that children requiring these places can be educated locally, and to work towards establishing specialist provision in the Ripon area.

Presentation by Jonathan Tearle

Overview of current Mowbray School which educates pupils aged between 3 and 16 years with a variety of Special Educational Needs and Disabilities. JT provided background of Mowbray School and how their provision and facilities have expanded due to increased need from 125 to 215. The proposal is to set up a satellite provision on the site of Moorside Infant School, Ripon, to educate primary aged pupils with an Education Health Care Plan for special educational needs. This will be for pupils with learning needs, who predominantly have difficulties with communication and interaction. It will not be for pupils who have severe or more profound learning difficulties. It is proposed to start with approximately 30 pupils and over the course of the following two years increase this to 60 pupils. It is anticipated that the number of staff will start at around 16 and rise to approximately 30 staff. It is expected that some of the current staff will work in the Ripon site and additional staff will need to be recruited in advance of the provision opening. The new provision will simply be an extension to Mowbray School. Pupils will not be moved from Mowbray School to the satellite provision in Ripon, unless requested by parents.

Questions and Answer Session chaired by Cllr Mulligan

Question/Comment	Response by	Response
A Ripon City Council Member for the Moorside Ward asked with planning approval for over 500 new homes on 2 sites what provision is being made for the additional pupils?	JL	All planning permissions have been reviewed in the current pupil forecast. Numbers at Moorside across both schools have dropped over last few years. The proposal is for a slight reduction of 42 places overall with a proposed school capacity of 210 places. Housing and pupil numbers will continue to be monitored.
Will Moorside and Mowbray satellite school operate separately?	CR, JT	It was confirmed that Moorside and Mowbray would be separate institutions and operate on their own. The sites will be

		<p>separated with secured fencing to keep pupils safe.</p> <p>There would be the potential to collaborate on certain occasions or aspects e.g. sharing knowledge and resources but this would be discussed at a later point if the proposal is approved.</p>
<p>Would there be dual places available at Moorside and Mowbray?</p>	JT, JH	<p>There are no dual placements currently at Mowbray.</p> <p>JH confirmed this would only happen based on needs of the individual child not just because of the proximity of the schools.</p>
<p>If the proposals are approved how long would the work go on at the schools?</p>	JL	<p>JL confirmed the building programme is still being outlined. A planning application would need to be submitted for the proposed building work which could take up to 3 months, there would also be a procurement and tender process. The summer holidays has been marked as the ideal time to do main bulk of building work if possible but due to the amount of work some would carry on into Autumn term.</p>
<p>The proposed satellite provision for Mowbray is for Primary pupils, where would the children progress to for secondary school?</p>	JT, JH	<p>JT and JH confirmed that this has been flagged as an issue to address and initial discussions have taken place to look at SEND secondary provision.</p> <p>JH stated that as part of the SEND Strategic Plan work is taking place at other special schools such as The Forest School and Springwater School in order to add capacity. The County Council is currently preparing a bid to the Government for a Special Free School in the Selby area which currently has no specialist provision. It was agreed that a similar satellite provision for secondary pupils needs to be considered.</p>
<p>What would be the effect on staffing levels at Moorside if the schools amalgamate?</p>	CR	<p>CR confirmed there is no anticipated change to staffing. There are currently a number of staff on supply or fixed term contracts at the Junior school. Staff at the Infant school will assist in the transition for younger pupils to the Junior site. There will be a separate consultation for staff with HR.</p>

Close

Cllr Mulligan thanked all attendees and panel members for their questions, comments and input. Attendees were encouraged to make their views known and reminded of how they could respond to the consultation and of the closing date of 9 November 2018.

The meeting closed at 7.15pm.

Moorside Consultation Responses

	Observations and/or suggestions	Interest
1	Good. Should have been done years ago.	Community
2	<p>I have looked through the consultations for the amalgamation of the infant and junior school and also the plans for the use of the old primary school building. I feel the following points need to be considered- School amalgamation : I don't see any reason why the infants and juniors shouldn't be combined, many other schools do it . It makes the transition into the junior's easier for many children because there is no significant change to routine. I do not ,however, think that any school admission places should be lost as a result of the change and feel alteration need to be made to the plans so ensure there are sufficient classrooms/ space to continue with current pupil numbers. I'm sure you are aware that planning permission has been granted for a large number of houses both at the top of Whitcliffe lane and where the old choir school used to stand. Moorside is obviously the nearest school and will be the first choice/ most convenient for many of those families. My second concern would be parking. I live round the corner from the school and Whitcliffe Drive is already dangerous on a morning. As a childminder I often can't get the pushchair down the path because of inconsiderate parking. My own car was hit by a parent who parked right on the junction and then just pulled out without indicating or warning. If the entrance to the school is moved this way I feel parents who parked nearer the infant school will also move this way and the situation will be even worse. Consideration should be given to local residents and parents parking. With regards to the plans for the old primary school- I fully agree that Ripon needs a unit for children with special needs. I volunteer at Ohana group on Saturdays and many of the children have to travel out of town for school. Many struggle with transport , both the journey it's self and changing drivers/ transport companies. I think there is definitely a need for Mowbray school to have a provision in Ripon .</p>	Community
3	<p>Is there a projection as to how this would impact on the admission numbers of other local schools prior, if it actually happens, to the creation of an additional school? Other local schools need to be protected from unplanned increases in numbers as their budgets are already suffering.</p> <p>A meeting of other local headteachers and chairs of governors would have been very helpful, inclusive and I believe appropriate. Thank you.</p>	Headteacher at local school
4	I believe that this is the best thing for the schools viability and improvement. We currently work as one team. This amalgamation can only strengthen what we offer at Moorside and ensure consistency for all children. I know that the temporary inconvenience will be far outweighed by the gains of this amalgamation	Teacher at Moorside Infant school
5	I agree in principle - but - initial impression is that loss of Infant School to Mowbray is only just compensated by some new building on Junior School. You have clearly not evaluated the impact of the recent Planning Approvals for over 500 new homes in the Moorside Ward and the resultant increased demand for school places. It is essential that these new children are catered for locally and not	Ripon City Council Member

	required to travel to other schools, which I believe do not have spare capacity.	
6	This is a great idea. Having had a child move from infants to juniors at another local split school recently I felt that the administrative process was a complete waste of time and money and actually introduced a level of anxiety for our daughter as it was sold and perceived as “moving schools” rather than just going into the next year group. I also feel that the educational benefits of primary schools are better. Operating under the same leadership ensures the same ethos to learning is deployed and prevents children having to “get up to speed” at a new school. I expect that there are also financial benefits such as only requiring one head, and admin teams.	Community
7	I think this will be a positive step for the people of Ripon. It allows parents of children with additional needs the opportunity to remain at school close to home. It also gives them the opportunity to access the excellent experience of staff at Mowbray School. As a parent of a child who currently goes to Moorside, we look forward to the changes and the ongoing improvements that are being made.	Parent of pupil at Moorside
8	I understand both sides that the school will run better on one site and money put into the school but I feel all the traffic at one end bad enough now down whole street and then the kids how much disruption will they get building work and change of classes till all built my child is now in year 5 and next year is an important year for education and development I also would hope if one school the staggered intakes will stop as this is a disadvantage to children born in the summer months	Parent of pupil at Moorside
9	I would be interested to find out what the plans are for these students and their transition to secondary school. Specialist provision places at secondary are already stretched within the area, will the increased number of places at primary level be equally reflected within the secondary specialist provision in NY?	Principal at local school

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Part 2 - Moorside Junior School – Enlargement and Change of Age Range

Statutory proposals for Prescribed Alterations – Change of Age Range and Enlargement

Contact details

Proposal published by North Yorkshire County Council, County Hall, Northallerton, DL7 8AE, to make prescribed alterations to Moorside Junior School, Ripon, Harrogate, North Yorkshire, HG4 1SU from 29 April 2019.

Moorside Junior School is a 7-11 community school in the Harrogate area.

Implementation

It is proposed to change the age range and enlarge Moorside Junior School from 29 April 2019. The current capacity of the school is 162 and the proposed capacity will be 210. The current number of pupils registered at the school is 108. The current admission number for the school is 36 and the proposed admission number will be 30. The current age range of the school is 7-11 and the proposed age range will be 3-11.

Description of alteration

The proposal is to enlarge Moorside Junior School and alter its lower age limit with effect from 29 April 2019. The enlarged school would have a capacity of 210 places plus 26 place nursery provision. This proposal is related to the closure of Moorside Infant School.

Objective

The objective of the proposal, and the related proposal to close Moorside Infant School, is to create a 3-11 school which will deliver an all-through primary education across the existing Moorside Junior site. The removal of transition at age 7 would allow an uninterrupted learning experience from age 3 to 11.

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Effect on other schools, academies and educational institutions

There is not expected to be any effect on other schools, academies and educational institutions, other than those covered by these proposals. Whilst there is a slight reduction in the admission numbers for the amalgamated school, and there are planning permission granted for new developments within Ripon, it is the view that there will be sufficient places within Moorside and the local area.

Project costs and indication of how these will be met, including how long term value for money will be achieved.

Moorside Infant and Junior schools are adjacent. The Local Authority is working with the schools to develop a proposal which would bring the schools together in the current Junior building and intends to make a capital provision to fund any agreed work. Works will be required to adapt the Junior School building for a 3-11 school, to adapt the Infant School for a specialist provision, and associated access works. It is proposed to plan to use some of the Special Provision Capital Fund (from the Department for Education) for works to create the specialist satellite provision. Consultation on the use of this funding is likely to run from January to mid-February 2019. Other capital funding required for works at the Junior School building is likely to be a call on the Schools Condition Grant, for which the next allocation will be made from central government to the County Council in spring 2019.

Consultation

The decision to consult on amalgamation and closure was taken by the Executive Member for Schools following a request from the governors of Moorside Infants and Moorside Juniors on 11 September 2018. A consultation paper setting out the proposal was sent to parents of pupils on roll, staff at the school as well as other interested parties and individuals. A copy of the consultation paper is attached as Appendix 1. A list of the consultees is attached as Appendix 2. The consultation period ran from 21 September 2018 to 9 November 2018. A public meeting was held at the school on 3 October 2018, a note of that meeting is attached as Appendix 3. There have been 9 consultation responses received (Appendix 4).

Related Proposals

This proposal is related to proposals for the closure of Moorside Infant School and the expansion of Mowbray School onto an additional site and an increase in the number of places in the special school, using the Moorside Infant School site.

Procedure for making representations (objections and comments)

Within four weeks from the date of publication of this proposal, any person may object to or make comments on the proposal by sending them to Corporate Director-Children and Young People's Service, North Yorkshire County Council, County Hall, Northallerton, DL7 8AE, by 8 February 2019.

Appendix 1b: Consultation Paper

Appendix 2b: List of the Consultees

Appendix 3b: Notes of the Public Meeting

Appendix 4b: Consultation Responses



Consultation Document

**Proposal to amalgamate Moorside Infant School and
Moorside Junior School in Ripon to create a single 3-
11 primary school on the Junior School site**

**(to be known as
Moorside Primary School & Nursery)**

**through the technical closure of Moorside Infant School as a
separate entity and the enlargement and change of age range of
Moorside Junior School**

from 29 April 2019

Moorside Infant School and Moorside Junior School, Ripon

September 2018

This paper sets out proposals to amalgamate Moorside Infant School and Moorside Junior School in Ripon. This would create a single 3-11 primary school on the Junior School site (to be known as Moorside Primary School & Nursery) through the technical closure of Moorside Infant School as a separate entity and the enlargement and change of age range of Moorside Junior School.

This proposal is linked to proposals set out in another consultation document to create satellite specialist provision from Mowbray School on the Moorside Infant site (This Mowbray consultation document can be obtained from the school or on www.northyorks.gov.uk/consultations).

This paper gives the background to the amalgamation proposal. There will be a public meeting on:

Wednesday 3 October 2018 at 6.30 pm

**at Moorside Infant School, Harrogate Road, Ripon
North Yorkshire HG4 1SU**

The Current Position

Moorside Infant School and Moorside Junior School share the same site on the south side of Ripon and serve an area to the west of the Harrogate Road.

Moorside Infant School accommodates children aged 3-7, with Moorside Junior School accommodating children living in the same area from 7-11. Pupils transfer from the Infant to the Junior school at age 7. Parents are required to express a preference in advance of this transfer.

Since September 2016, the schools have been led by an Executive leadership. This arrangement has ensured that the good practice in both schools is shared and children experience a consistent education throughout their time in both schools.

From September 2017, the Governing Boards have had the same members but there remains two separate Governing Boards.

The school governors and the County Council now feel that it is in the best interests of both schools to amalgamate.

Background

In spring 2016, the Governing Bodies of both schools asked the County Council to consult on a proposal to bring the two schools together to form a single primary school through an amalgamation. Shortly afterwards, Moorside Infant School was inspected by Ofsted which judged its overall effectiveness to be inadequate. The Regional Schools Commissioner (RSC) issued a Directive Academy Order on 18 April 2016 and the County Council was informed that it would not be appropriate to consult on a proposal to amalgamate the two schools.

Since then, however, no academy sponsor for Moorside Infant School has been forthcoming. Following discussion with the Regional Schools Commissioner's Office, it is now proposed to consult on the amalgamation of Moorside Infant and Junior School through the closure of Moorside Infant School and the expansion of Moorside Junior School. The RSC has

indicated that they will begin the process of revoking the Directive Academy Order which would allow Moorside Infant School to amalgamate with Moorside Junior School.

This amalgamation proposal now suggested therefore returns the schools to the original expected position, as proposed in spring 2016, although for financial and operational reasons, the intention is now to operate from the Moorside Junior building rather than across both schools' buildings. Moorside Junior School was inspected by Ofsted in May 2017 and was judged to be Good.

Pupil Numbers

As at May 2018 there are 71 pupils of mainstream school age at Moorside Infants School and 107 pupils at Moorside Junior School.

It is proposed to reduce the Published Admission Number from 36 at Moorside Infant and Junior Schools to 30 at the amalgamated primary school, leading to a small overall reduction of 42 mainstream primary school places. It is considered that this is outweighed by the ability for an amalgamated Moorside school on a single site to deliver a balanced budget, while the Infant school site offers the potential to provide additional specialist school places created through a new satellite provision.

The reduction in mainstream school places at Moorside, should the amalgamation proceed, is unlikely to create a shortfall in the wider area.

Following amalgamation, there would be 1,412 primary places in the Ripon City area (including Sharow CE and Bishop Monkton CE), with a forecast 1,259 pupils in 2019/20 and 1,204 in 2022/23. Outstanding housing permissions could generate an additional 156 primary-aged pupils. These figures exclude housing proposals in the Local Plan as Harrogate Borough Council are yet to finalise their Local Plan site allocations. The main areas of housing development proposed in the city, however, are likely to

be on the Deverell and Claro Barracks, to the west of the city centre, and away from Moorside School, and which are likely to require a new primary school as part of that development.

The Financial Position

The financial projection for the Infants School was a £59,830 in-year deficit for 2018/19.

An amalgamated budget has been approved by the Governing Bodies at their meeting on 27 June 2018. The budget assumes amalgamation (technical closure of Moorside Infants School) in September 2019. There is a positive in-year position for 19/20 and 20/21 under the proposed new arrangements. There is a negative in-year position for 21/22 and 22/23 but it is felt this can be improved upon given the scope for increased pupil numbers and further cost efficiencies.

The Proposal

For the reasons above it is proposed to amalgamate Moorside Infant and Junior Schools in Ripon to create a single 3-11 primary school on the Junior School site (to be known as Moorside Primary School & Nursery) through the technical closure of Moorside Infant School as a separate entity and the enlargement and change of age range of Moorside Junior School.

Staff

A separate consultation process, including a staff meeting, is running in parallel with this consultation.

The Buildings

Works will be required to adapt the Junior School building for a 3-11 school, to adapt the Infant School for a specialist provision, and associated access works.

The scope of these works will need to include the conversion of junior

classrooms, cloaks and toilets for use by nursery and infant classes, provision of outdoor play areas for nursery and reception classes, provision of additional staff and toilet facilities, extending car parks and improving vehicular access, providing ramped access to buildings and enhancing boundary fencing.

A planning application will be submitted to the County Council's planning department for these works.

What Happens Next?

Your views about this proposal are welcomed. You can either complete and return the attached response sheet, or submit an online response

Paper responses should be returned to North Yorkshire County Council at the address below:

FREEPOST RTKE-RKAY-CUJS
Moorside Schools
Strategic Planning
North Yorkshire County Council
County Hall

NORTHALLERTON
DL7 8AE

Online responses may be submitted by following this link:

<https://consult.northyorks.gov.uk/snapweb/host/s.asp?k=153605637208>

**The closing date for responses is
9 November 2018**

All responses to the consultation received by this date will be considered by the County Council's Executive on 27 November 2018.

If the County Council's Executive decides to proceed with the closure proposal, then statutory notices would be published in the local press on 11 January 2019. These notices provide a further four weeks for representations to be made. A final decision would then be made by North Yorkshire County Council's Executive on 19 February 2019. If agreed, the schools would amalgamate from 29 April 2019.

Anticipated Key Dates

All dates are subject to approvals at each stage.

Consultation opens	21 September 2018
Public meeting at the school	3 October 2018 at 6:30pm
Consultation closes	9 November 2018
County Council's Executive considers consultation response	27 November 2018
Statutory Notices published (4 weeks for representations to be made)	11 January 2019 – 8 February 2019
Final decision by County Council's Executive	19 February 2019
Amalgamation	29 April 2019

The proposal to create satellite specialist provision from Mowbray School on the Moorside Infant site will follow the same timescales, apart from the opening of the provision, which is proposed to be from 1 September 2019.

Moorside Infant School and Moorside Junior Schools, Ripon
A consultation on whether the schools should be amalgamated

Observations and/or suggestions:

Interest/Status

e.g. Parent/Governor/Teacher/Community

Name of School

Signed

Date:

Name (Block Capitals)

Address:
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Postcode:

To help us assess whether we have provided clear information, please let us know whether you found this consultation easy to understand? YES/NO

Do you have any suggestions for improvement?

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Under the provisions of the Freedom of Information Act 2000, responses to the consultation may be published on the County Council's website where it may be accessed by members of the public. Your personal details will not be published.

Please send this response sheet to the following "FREEPOST" address. You do not need to use a postage stamp.

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and submit your response there

To be received by no later than 9 November 2018

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List of Consultees

Parents of pupils of Moorside Infant and Moorside Junior

Staff of Moorside Infant and Moorside Junior

Local Authority – North Yorkshire County Council

Governing Bodies of other local primary and secondary schools

Local Primary & Secondary Schools:

Unions and Professional Associations

Any Interest / user groups nominated by the school

Diocese

Local County Councillors

District Councillor

Local District: Harrogate Borough Council

City Council

Local MP: Julian Smith

Local Early Years providers

RSC:

Secretary of State

Moorside and Mowbray Public Consultation

Record of public meeting on 3 October 2018

6.30pm at Moorside Infant School

Present

Chair – Cllr Patrick Mulligan (Executive Member for Schools)

NYCC Officers – John Lee (JL) (Strategic Planning Officer), Beth Latimer (BL) (Strategic Planning Support Officer), Jane Harvey (JH) (Strategic Planning and Development Officer, Inclusion), Christine Windwood (CW) (School Improvement Adviser), Karen Butler (KB) (School Improvement Adviser)

School representatives – Claire Rowett (CR) (Acting Headteacher at Moorside Infant & Junior School), Jonathan Tearle (JT) (Headteacher at Mowbray), Mary Kelly (MK) (Chair of Governors at Moorside), Chris Lea (CL) (Governor at Moorside)

There were approximately 32 people present.

Opening and Introduction by Cllr Patrick Mulligan

Cllr Mulligan explained the meeting was part of the formal consultation process. He explained the format of the evening and introduced the panel.

Presentation by John Lee

JL outlined the purpose of the meeting and the consultation process, the detail and rationale of the proposals.

It is proposed that Moorside School would operate as a single 3-11 primary school on the Moorside Junior School site. It is proposed that the buildings on this site would be refurbished to provide new classrooms, cloaks and toilets for nursery and infant pupils, additional staff facilities, and extended car parking. The Moorside Infant School site would be adapted for use as a satellite specialist provision.

Admissions to reception would be unaffected, other than there will be a reduction of the school's published admission number from 36 to 30. There would no longer be a requirement for parents to apply for places in Year 3.

JL informed that change was being proposed for the following reasons:

- Existing shared Leadership at Moorside Infant and Junior Schools – long-standing ambition of both schools. Since September 2016, the schools have been led by an Executive leadership. Since September 2017, the Governing Boards have had the same members, although there remain two separate boards.
- Moorside Infant School Directive Academy Order – Issued by Regional Schools Commissioner following Ofsted inspected which judged the overall effectiveness to be inadequate. Since then, though, no academy sponsor for Moorside Infant School has come forward. Following discussion with the Regional Schools Commissioner, it is now proposed to consult on the amalgamation of Moorside Infant and Junior School through the closure of Moorside Infant School and the expansion of Moorside Junior School.
- Need for financial efficiencies – across the county, an increasing number of schools are facing cost pressures. School funding is driven by pupil numbers. Pupil numbers at Moorside Schools have fallen. The amalgamation on a single site will enable the school to operate more efficiently, with only one set of premises costs for heating, lighting etc.
- NYCC SEND Strategic Plan – Mowbray – The County Council's Strategic Plan for SEND Education Provision includes proposals to create new special school provision. This includes exploring establishing satellite specialist provision in Ripon.

Presentation by Claire Rowett

CR provided an update on how Moorside Infant and Junior schools currently operate and the benefits of the proposed amalgamation. Since 2016 the school has been progressing with improved pupil outcomes at the end of Reception and KS1 results in July 2018. CR informed that Moorside children currently enter the Infant school in Nursery then need to apply to attend and transition into Reception followed by KS1, parents then need to apply for a place at Moorside Junior school for KS2. It was highlighted the process of the transition in supporting pupils can be stressful for both pupils and parents and requires a huge amount of work. A benefit of amalgamation would allow pupils to remain in the same setting and environment.

The Junior school playgrounds, fields and Forest School will be retained, there will be a new outdoor area for Foundation and KS1, and 3 out of the 4 entrances will be retained. The Junior site works will dramatically improve and upgrade the facilities and space. There will also be a parent meeting room, a nurture room, group working areas and offices for the school to run efficiently.

There are many benefits of amalgamating such as improving outcomes for all pupils, shared leadership and expectations, improved and consistent learning environments, modern school fit for purpose, continuous curriculum and efficient use of funding and resources.

Presentation by Jane Harvey

JH provided an overview of the SEND strategic plan in North Yorkshire. JH encouraged all to read the new document online or collect a hardcopy. The SEND Strategic Plan includes proposals to increase the number of specialist day places in North Yorkshire special schools to ensure that children requiring these places can be educated locally, and to work towards establishing specialist provision in the Ripon area.

Presentation by Jonathan Tearle

Overview of current Mowbray School which educates pupils aged between 3 and 16 years with a variety of Special Educational Needs and Disabilities. JT provided background of Mowbray School and how their provision and facilities have expanded due to increased need from 125 to 215. The proposal is to set up a satellite provision on the site of Moorside Infant School, Ripon, to educate primary aged pupils with an Education Health Care Plan for special educational needs. This will be for pupils with learning needs, who predominantly have difficulties with communication and interaction. It will not be for pupils who have severe or more profound learning difficulties. It is proposed to start with approximately 30 pupils and over the course of the following two years increase this to 60 pupils. It is anticipated that the number of staff will start at around 16 and rise to approximately 30 staff. It is expected that some of the current staff will work in the Ripon site and additional staff will need to be recruited in advance of the provision opening. The new provision will simply be an extension to Mowbray School. Pupils will not be moved from Mowbray School to the satellite provision in Ripon, unless requested by parents.

Questions and Answer Session chaired by Cllr Mulligan

Question/Comment	Response by	Response
A Ripon City Council Member for the Moorside Ward asked with planning approval for over 500 new homes on 2 sites what provision is being made for the additional pupils?	JL	All planning permissions have been reviewed in the current pupil forecast. Numbers at Moorside across both schools have dropped over last few years. The proposal is for a slight reduction of 42 places overall with a proposed school capacity of 210 places. Housing and pupil numbers will continue to be monitored.
Will Moorside and Mowbray satellite school operate separately?	CR, JT	It was confirmed that Moorside and Mowbray would be separate institutions and operate on their own. The sites will be

		<p>separated with secured fencing to keep pupils safe.</p> <p>There would be the potential to collaborate on certain occasions or aspects e.g. sharing knowledge and resources but this would be discussed at a later point if the proposal is approved.</p>
<p>Would there be dual places available at Moorside and Mowbray?</p>	JT, JH	<p>There are no dual placements currently at Mowbray.</p> <p>JH confirmed this would only happen based on needs of the individual child not just because of the proximity of the schools.</p>
<p>If the proposals are approved how long would the work go on at the schools?</p>	JL	<p>JL confirmed the building programme is still being outlined. A planning application would need to be submitted for the proposed building work which could take up to 3 months, there would also be a procurement and tender process. The summer holidays has been marked as the ideal time to do main bulk of building work if possible but due to the amount of work some would carry on into Autumn term.</p>
<p>The proposed satellite provision for Mowbray is for Primary pupils, where would the children progress to for secondary school?</p>	JT, JH	<p>JT and JH confirmed that this has been flagged as an issue to address and initial discussions have taken place to look at SEND secondary provision.</p> <p>JH stated that as part of the SEND Strategic Plan work is taking place at other special schools such as The Forest School and Springwater School in order to add capacity. The County Council is currently preparing a bid to the Government for a Special Free School in the Selby area which currently has no specialist provision. It was agreed that a similar satellite provision for secondary pupils needs to be considered.</p>
<p>What would be the effect on staffing levels at Moorside if the schools amalgamate?</p>	CR	<p>CR confirmed there is no anticipated change to staffing. There are currently a number of staff on supply or fixed term contracts at the Junior school. Staff at the Infant school will assist in the transition for younger pupils to the Junior site. There will be a separate consultation for staff with HR.</p>

Close

Cllr Mulligan thanked all attendees and panel members for their questions, comments and input. Attendees were encouraged to make their views known and reminded of how they could respond to the consultation and of the closing date of 9 November 2018.

The meeting closed at 7.15pm.

Moorside Consultation Responses

	Observations and/or suggestions	Interest
1	Good. Should have been done years ago.	Community
2	<p>I have looked through the consultations for the amalgamation of the infant and junior school and also the plans for the use of the old primary school building. I feel the following points need to be considered- School amalgamation : I don't see any reason why the infants and juniors shouldn't be combined, many other schools do it . It makes the transition into the junior's easier for many children because there is no significant change to routine. I do not ,however, think that any school admission places should be lost as a result of the change and feel alteration need to be made to the plans so ensure there are sufficient classrooms/ space to continue with current pupil numbers. I'm sure you are aware that planning permission has been granted for a large number of houses both at the top of Whitcliffe lane and where the old choir school used to stand. Moorside is obviously the nearest school and will be the first choice/ most convenient for many of those families. My second concern would be parking. I live round the corner from the school and Whitcliffe Drive is already dangerous on a morning. As a childminder I often can't get the pushchair down the path because of inconsiderate parking. My own car was hit by a parent who parked right on the junction and then just pulled out without indicating or warning. If the entrance to the school is moved this way I feel parents who parked nearer the infant school will also move this way and the situation will be even worse. Consideration should be given to local residents and parents parking. With regards to the plans for the old primary school- I fully agree that Ripon needs a unit for children with special needs. I volunteer at Ohana group on Saturdays and many of the children have to travel out of town for school. Many struggle with transport , both the journey it's self and changing drivers/ transport companies. I think there is definitely a need for Mowbray school to have a provision in Ripon .</p>	Community
3	<p>Is there a projection as to how this would impact on the admission numbers of other local schools prior, if it actually happens, to the creation of an additional school? Other local schools need to be protected from unplanned increases in numbers as their budgets are already suffering.</p> <p>A meeting of other local headteachers and chairs of governors would have been very helpful, inclusive and I believe appropriate. Thank you.</p>	Headteacher at local school
4	I believe that this is the best thing for the schools viability and improvement. We currently work as one team. This amalgamation can only strengthen what we offer at Moorside and ensure consistency for all children. I know that the temporary inconvenience will be far outweighed by the gains of this amalgamation	Teacher at Moorside Infant school
5	I agree in principle - but - initial impression is that loss of Infant School to Mowbray is only just compensated by some new building on Junior School. You have clearly not evaluated the impact of the recent Planning Approvals for over 500 new homes in the Moorside Ward and the resultant increased demand for school places. It is essential that these new children are catered for locally and not	Ripon City Council Member

	required to travel to other schools, which I believe do not have spare capacity.	
6	This is a great idea. Having had a child move from infants to juniors at another local split school recently I felt that the administrative process was a complete waste of time and money and actually introduced a level of anxiety for our daughter as it was sold and perceived as “moving schools” rather than just going into the next year group. I also feel that the educational benefits of primary schools are better. Operating under the same leadership ensures the same ethos to learning is deployed and prevents children having to “get up to speed” at a new school. I expect that there are also financial benefits such as only requiring one head, and admin teams.	Community
7	I think this will be a positive step for the people of Ripon. It allows parents of children with additional needs the opportunity to remain at school close to home. It also gives them the opportunity to access the excellent experience of staff at Mowbray School. As a parent of a child who currently goes to Moorside, we look forward to the changes and the ongoing improvements that are being made.	Parent of pupil at Moorside
8	I understand both sides that the school will run better on one site and money put into the school but I feel all the traffic at one end bad enough now down whole street and then the kids how much disruption will they get building work and change of classes till all built my child is now in year 5 and next year is an important year for education and development I also would hope if one school the staggered intakes will stop as this is a disadvantage to children born in the summer months	Parent of pupil at Moorside
9	I would be interested to find out what the plans are for these students and their transition to secondary school. Specialist provision places at secondary are already stretched within the area, will the increased number of places at primary level be equally reflected within the secondary specialist provision in NY?	Principal at local school