



# ***Consultation Document***

**Proposal to create satellite specialist provision from  
Mowbray School on the Moorside Infant School site  
in Ripon  
from 1 September 2019**

## **Mowbray School**

September 2018

This paper sets out proposals to create satellite specialist provision, for ages 4-11, from Mowbray School on the Moorside Infant School site in Ripon.

This proposal is linked to proposals set out in another consultation document 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). (The Moorside consultation document can be obtained from the school or on [www.northyorks.gov.uk/consultations](http://www.northyorks.gov.uk/consultations)).

This paper gives the background to the proposal for satellite specialist provision. There will be public meetings on:

**Wednesday 3 October 2018 at 6.30 pm**

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

**Monday 8 October 2018 at 7 pm**

**at Mowbray School, Masham Road, Bedale  
North Yorkshire DL8 2SD**

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### **The Current Position**

The County Council's Strategic Plan for 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.

It is proposed to use the Moorside Infant school to provide satellite specialist provision from Mowbray School. Mowbray is a special school at Bedale making provision for a wide range of complex SEN. It serves a large catchment area from Stockton-on-Tees to Harrogate. The School accommodates children aged 3-16 who all have an Education Health Care Plan.

Local Authority officers will work with the Head Teacher of Mowbray School to develop a provision specification and agree initial commissioned places.

The initial proposal is to establish up to 30 places in 2019/20. This will then rise to up

to 60 places by 2021/22. Demand for this type of provision is increasing in North Yorkshire and it is expected that this will continue into the future in line with local and national trends. Mapping of the current cohort of children and young people attending Mowbray School shows a number live in the Ripon area and potentially could benefit from this provision in addition to those requiring this type of provision into the future. This would also reduce costs associated with transport.

Pressure on current capacity across specialist provision in North Yorkshire is a significant contributory factor to the projected overspend on the High Needs Block budget. Developing a satellite provision on the Moorside site would create additional special school capacity and in turn create more local provision for children and families in line with the Strategic Plan for SEND Education Provision 2018-2023.

It is expected that the satellite provision place costs will be comparable to that of Mowbray School. The proposed provision

will deliver a more efficient use of resources both in terms of place costs and transport in comparison to provision being sought from the independent sector.

It is proposed to use the Moorside Infant site for this satellite provision. Moorside Infant School currently accommodates children aged 3-7. It is proposed to amalgamate Moorside Infant School with Moorside Junior School. This would create a single 3-11 primary school on the Junior School site through the technical closure of Moorside Infant School as a separate entity and the enlargement and change of age range of Moorside Junior School.

### **Pupil Numbers**

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### **The Financial Position**

Mowbray School is well-established and in its most recent Ofsted inspection was judged to be good. The school has a stable budget and is over-subscribed on commissioned places.

The Head Teacher of Mowbray School, in partnership with the Local Authority, has produced a detailed budget forecast demonstrating a surplus budget is possible and sustainable from year 3 based on current funding models for special schools.

It is proposed to use some of the Special Provision Capital Funding for works to create the specialist satellite provision.

### **The Proposal**

For the reasons above it is proposed to create a specialist satellite provision of Mowbray School on the Moorside Infant site in Ripon.

### **The Buildings**

Works will be required to adapt the Infant School for a specialist provision, to adapt

the Junior School building for a 3-11 school, and associated access works.

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  
Mowbray School  
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/snap/webhost/s.asp?k=153451895459>

### **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 meetings	3 October 2018 at 6:30pm at Moorside Infant School  8 October 2018 at 7pm at Mowbray School
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
Opening of specialist satellite provision	1 September 2019

The proposal to amalgamate Moorside Infant and Junior Schools will follow the same timescales apart from the date of amalgamation, which is proposed from 29 April 2019.

**Mowbray School**  
**A consultation on whether to create satellite specialist provision**  
**from Mowbray School on the Moorside Infant site in Ripon**

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.**

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**To be received by no later than 9 November 2018**

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