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Proposal to Amalgamate Swainby and
Potto CE VA Primary School with Ingleby
Arncliffe CE VA Primary School

Consultation Meeting
19 January 2017

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AGENDA

6.30pm Welcome and Introductions – Joyce Bean,
Vice Chair of Governors

6.45pm Presentation – Suzanne Firth, Strategic
Planning Manager, CYPS, NYCC

7.05 pm Diocesan Statement - Andrew Smith,
Director of Education, Diocese of York

7.15pm Question and Answers

8.00pm Close



Purpose of Consultation

- The Governing Body decided on 23 November to consult on a proposal that a single Voluntary Aided Church of England primary school should be created
- This would be achieved by the technical closure of Swainby and Potto Church of England VA Primary School and the retention and enlargement of the catchment area of Ingleby Arncliffe Church of England VA Primary School.
- This meeting is part of a consultation process to consider the views of all those likely to be affected.
- Your views will help a decision to be made.



What is proposed?

- To create a single primary school serving children living in the catchment areas of Ingleby Arncliffe and Swainby and Potto, from 1 September 2017.
- It is proposed that this amalgamated school would be created by the retention of the Ingleby Arncliffe site and the associated technical closure of Swainby and Potto on 31 August 2017.



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What are the aims of this proposal?

- To address challenges faced by both schools
- To ensure high quality sustainable educational provision for children in the area



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- To maintain the historical link with the **Diocese** of York.
- For the single school to retain its status as a voluntary aided **Church of England** school
- A proposed name for the single school is “Mount Grace Church of England Voluntary Aided Primary School” – Decision by Ingleby Arncliffe Governing Body.

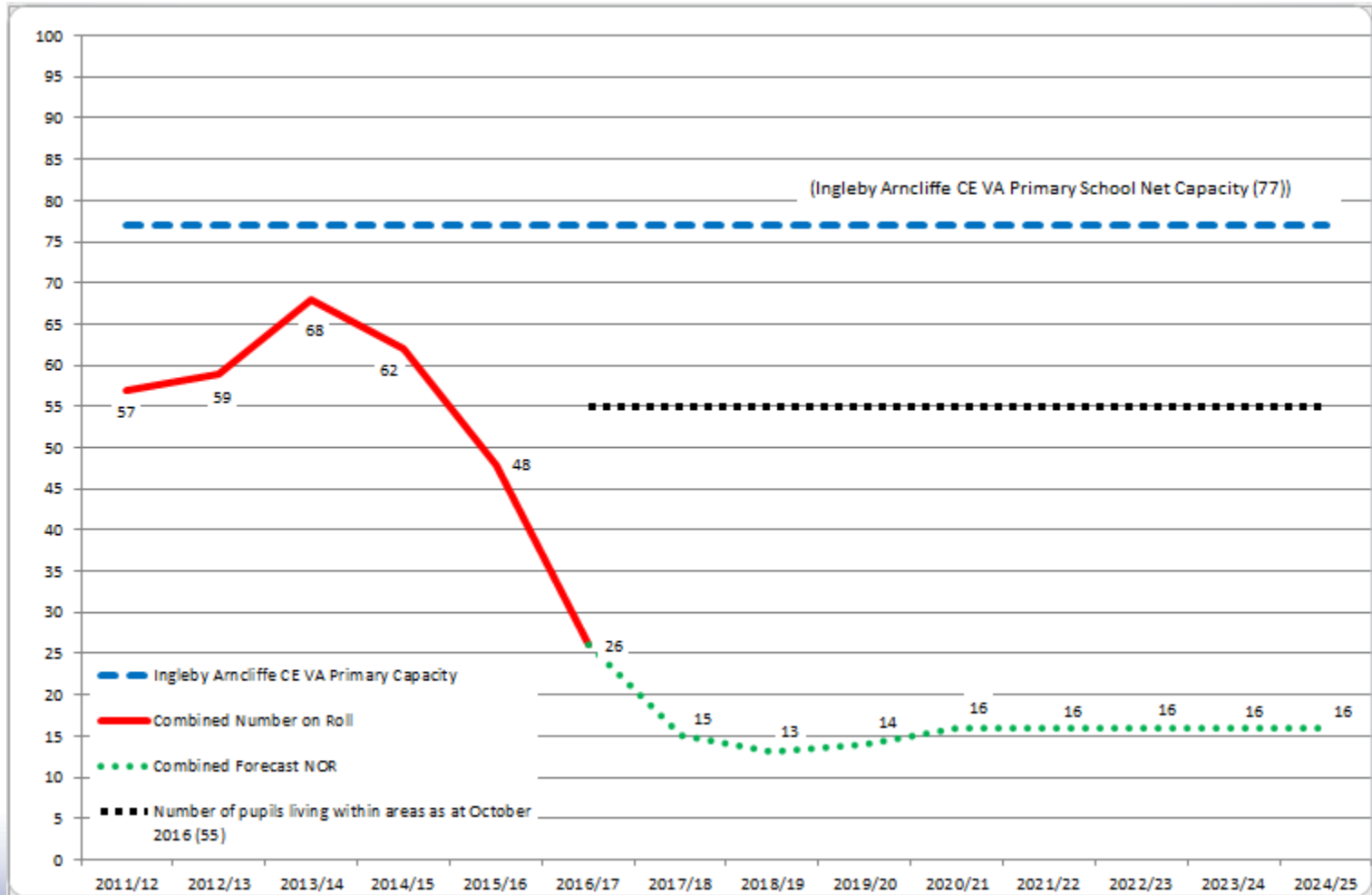


Why is change proposed now?

- Declining pupil numbers – unlikely to recover sufficiently to require two schools
- Challenging financial position – not about savings for County Council
- Concerns about Swainby and Potto and Ingleby Arncliffe schools abilities to separately provide appropriate educational and social experiences for children - schools already teaching pupils together



Pupil Numbers - Forecast





Financial Position

Swainby and Potto/Ingleby Arncliffe - Combined Finances

	Financial Year (£000s)		
	2016/17	2017/18	2018/19
Income	411.3	327.5	261.7
Reduction (on 2016)		- 83.8	-149.6

Based on:

- A phased reduction of the Lump Sum and
- Pupil numbers of 49 (2015) 37 (2016) 26 (2017)

Savings on a School Site

Annual premises related costs for one site	- £28k
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- Finances would still be challenging



What would happen to pupils?

- Little change for pupils – a transition plan would be drawn up
- Pupils on roll at Swainby and Potto at Summer 2017 would be offered places at Ingleby Arncliffe.
- Where this involves travel beyond 2 miles (or 3 for those aged 8+) assistance with transport would be provided
- Parents may choose other schools if there are places available



What would happen to staff at the school?

- Staff who left Swainby and Potto recently were not replaced and Ingleby Arncliffe staff have covered much of the “whole” school rotation
- It is not envisaged there would be significant impact on teaching staff as a direct result of the amalgamation
- Any reviews of staffing would follow usual processes with appropriate consultation



What would happen to Governors?

- Governing body would be expected to see through the implementation of the decision if agreed
- The Swainby and Potto governing body would be disestablished from Summer 2017
- Ingleby Arncliffe governing body would remain in place – may need to consider constitution



What happens to the school site?

- Decision on the school building separate from decision about the school field
- Buildings, car park and playground - Diocese would determine
- School playing field NYCC would determine



Why close Swainby's school site?

- Number of children historically attending schools outside Swainby's catchment area.
- Suitability of school premises, as commented on by teaching staff and advisors.
- Potential for future growth in the long term – larger site area



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Other options?

Do nothing

- not an option due to financial sustainability

Academy Conversion

- no available MAT at present

Federation/Partnership

- Mount Grace federation dissolved
- No other partner identified



Key considerations:

- Rural School – Presumption against closure
- However, when numbers reach such a critically low point it is difficult to see how two separate schools can be sustained
- Such small numbers in each separate school has an impact on children's educational and social experience of school.



What happens now?

- Consultation runs until **20 February 2017**
- Your views are important – please respond to the consultation
- Complete form – hard copy or online
- Governing Body considers responses on 6 March 2017
- Further 4 week representation period
- Final decision by LA – June/July 2017
- School would close and amalgamated school would open 1 September 2017



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Consultation responses

<https://consult.northyorks.gov.uk/article/23998/Childrens-services---consultations>

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The **closing date** for responses is **20 February 2017**



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Comment by Diocese of York

- Andrew Smith
Director of Education



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Questions or Comments ?

Please indicate your name and the nature of your interest

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