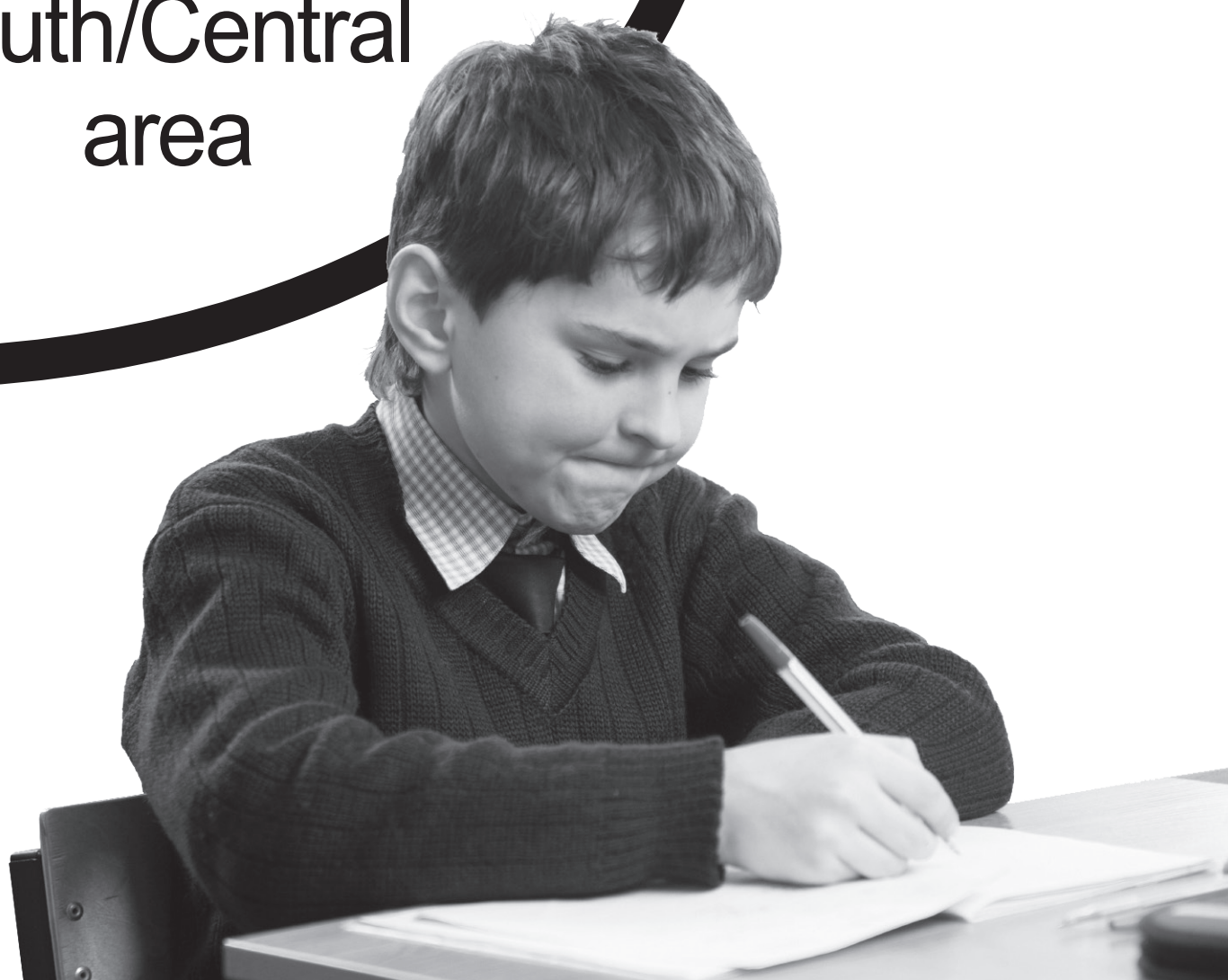


Proposed  
changes to  
primary education  
in the Carlisle  
South/Central  
area



## What this consultation is about

This consultation document is about proposals for changes to the following schools:

- Brook Street Primary School, Edward Street
- Petteril Bank Primary School, Harraby
- Inglewood Infant School, Harraby
- Inglewood Junior School, Harraby
- Pennine Way Primary School, Silverdale Road, Harraby
- St Cuthbert's Catholic Community School, Victoria Road
- Upperby Primary School, Uldale Road, Upperby

The proposals are part of a wider review of the number of primary school places in Carlisle as a whole.

Further information can be found at [cumbria.gov.uk/childrensservices/school-organisation](http://cumbria.gov.uk/childrensservices/school-organisation)

In each of these schools the council is proposing to increase the number of pupil places available. In the case of Petteril Bank, Inglewood Infant and Inglewood Junior schools this can be done without additional building work.

At St Cuthbert's, Upperby, Brook Street and Pennine Way schools building work would be required to increase the classroom space available; at Brook Street School this would involve the refurbishment of the former music centre. We are proposing that Pennine Way School be rebuilt on the NCTC site as a bigger school. This would be part of a larger regeneration project for the Harraby area.

We are suggesting these measures because the current information available shows us that the school age population in the Carlisle South and Central areas is now increasing.

The county council wants to hear your views on these proposals before deciding whether to make the changes.

## Who this consultation is for

This document is aimed at parents, staff, governors and everyone else with an interest or stake in primary education in the area.

## How you can respond to this consultation

Use the form at on the back pages of this document to let us know what you think or you can attend the consultation event on Monday 5th December at Richard Rose Central Academy, Lismore Place, Carlisle to talk to us face to face.

If you would like any further information in the meantime, please contact the School Organisation Team on:

T: **01228 226013**

E: [school.organisation@cumbria.gov.uk](mailto:school.organisation@cumbria.gov.uk)

**The deadline for responses is 16 December 2011**

## Let us know what you think!

*We hope that you will take the time to read this consultation document carefully. We both feel it is really important to hear from parents, governors, pupils and other local people about the proposals we are making before we make decisions.*

*With the birthrate increasing we have to take steps to make sure there are enough school places available in the area. We want all children to have the best possible chance of finding a place at their local school. We look forward to hearing your views on our proposals.*

*Yours sincerely*



**Duncan Fairbairn**  
Cabinet Member - Children's Services



**Julia Morrison**  
Corporate Director - Children's Services

## More information

### How we know extra places are needed

By law the council must make sure there are enough school places in the area. On the basis of the current information available to us we think there is a risk that there may not be enough places in some schools in future.

Each year the county council looks at data provided by local GP surgeries. This data shows how many children have been born and where they live. From this information the council can estimate the number of children who are likely to require a school place in the future in each area. In the Carlisle area generally, and the Carlisle South and Central areas in particular, the data shows the number of school age children is increasing.

Each year, the county council checks its pupil forecasts against actual numbers on roll to determine how accurate we have been in the past. On this basis, we can modify the forecasts and improve them where necessary, but in the past our projections have proved to be very accurate. Forecasts for primary school intakes can only be made accurately for the next four years, because children who will require a place beyond that time are not yet born.

Carlisle South & Central School Totals	Reception Intakes					GPR Figures			
	PAN	Sep 08	Sep 09	Sep 10	Sep 11	Sep 12	Sep 13	Sep 14	Sep 15
	384	316	320	330	356	420	465	519	Projections updated shortly

PAN = Published Admission Number (the number of pupils the school is allowed to admit each year)

### How many places we think are needed

The council is proposing that the following numbers of extra places will be provided:

School	Proposed change/s	Outcome
Brook Street	Expansion to 1.5FE	Additional 15 places/year group
Petteril Bank	Increase PAN from 15 to 20	Additional 5 places/year group
Inglewood Inf & Jun	Increase Inf PAN to 90 & Jnr to 90	Additional 6 places/year group Inf & 15 places per/year Jun
Pennine Way	Increase PAN from 50 to 90 in new build on NCTC site	Additional 40 places/year group
St Cuthbert's	Expansion to 1FE	Additional 7 places year/group
Upperby	Expansion to 2FE	Additional 20 places/year group

FE = Form of entry (a form of entry constitutes 30 children)

If all of the changes above were to be implemented, this would increase the number of places available in Reception classes and subsequent year groups from the current 384 to 477. Whilst this is fewer than the number of children we might expect to be living in the catchment areas in September 2014, some parents traditionally choose to seek places at schools outside of the area. We expect, therefore, that a proportion of the 519 children forecast to require a Reception place in September 2014 will seek and be allocated one elsewhere. Only the size of the Reception class will be affected each year and therefore the overall school size will increase gradually as those children move through the Key Stages.

## How we propose to provide the extra places

School	Proposed change/s
Brook Street	The increase to 1.5FE would require remodelling of part of the former music centre building, which is located on the site. The intention is that this would provide a new environment for children in the early years, freeing up classroom space in the main building
Petteril Bank	The school has a former classroom in the main building which would be brought back into classroom use. This space has been used for non-teaching purposes for some time
Inglewood Infant	The school already has sufficient accommodation to admit 90 pupils per year group. This simply needs to be formalised in the school's PAN
Inglewood Junior	The school already has sufficient accommodation to admit 90 pupils per year group. This simply needs to be formalised in the school's PAN
Pennine Way	Providing a 3FE school using the existing school buildings would require a significant amount of building work to take place whilst children are at school. The existing building is in poor condition and the site has flooded in the past causing significant disruption. Providing a new, fit-for-purpose building on the site of the former North Cumbria Technology College (NCTC) would keep the school in its community, and contribute to the wider regeneration of the area
St Cuthbert's	The school would require some internal remodelling and a small extension
Upperby	Providing an additional 20 places/year group would require the construction of four new classrooms on the existing site

## Next steps

The School Organisation and Governance Regulations mean that, if a council proposes to close a school, change an age range or increase the capacity above a certain point, their proposal must be published in a statutory notice.

For the proposed changes set out above, formal consultation and the publication of a statutory notice are required for:

**Brook Street Primary School, Edward Street**  
**Petteril Bank Primary School, Harraby**  
**Pennine Way Primary School, Silverdale Road, Harraby**  
**St Cuthbert's Catholic Community School, Victoria Road**  
**Upperby Primary School, Uldale Road, Upperby**

It is important that we understand your views on all of the changes proposed, whether or not they require statutory proposals.

There are five stages to the statutory process which must be followed:

### Consultation

The issue of this document marks the beginning of a period of consultation during which the views of any interested parties are sought. These views will be considered before any move to the next stage of the process happens.

### Publication

Dependent upon the outcome of this consultation, a decision on whether to proceed in issuing a statutory notice must be made by Cumbria County Council's Cabinet.

### Representation

Following publication of statutory notices representations can be made on the proposals. This period lasts for four weeks.

### Decision

Within two months after the representation period ends, the county council must make a decision on the proposal.

### Implementation

If the proposal is approved then it is likely that changes would be implemented from September 2012.

## Have your say

The council's proposals will be the basis of a period of public consultation for six weeks from 1st November to 16 December.

You are invited to a consultation event so that you can find out more about the options. The event will run as a drop-in from 3.45pm to 6.45pm where you can speak to council officers informally on a 1-2-1 basis. This will be followed at 7pm when there will be a presentation from council officers and an opportunity for questions.

<b>Location</b>	<b>Date and time</b>
<b>Richard Rose Central Academy, Lismore Place</b>	<b>5 December 3.45pm - 8.00pm</b>

The consultation runs until 16 December 2011 and you can respond by completing the questionnaire in this document or writing separately to:

**Cumbria County Council  
School Organisation  
Parkhouse Building  
Kingmoor Business Park  
Carlisle  
Cumbria CA6 4SJ**

By Email to:  
**[school.organisation@cumbria.gov.uk](mailto:school.organisation@cumbria.gov.uk)**

On-line at: (Use the link below to complete the questionnaire contained in this document on-line)  
**[www.opinionsuite.com/cumbria/cumbria-county-council](http://www.opinionsuite.com/cumbria/cumbria-county-council)**

It is not possible to enter into individual correspondence.



### Carlisle South/Central schools

**Reply slip** - Please send by 16 December to Cumbria County Council, School Organisation, Parkhouse Building, Kingmoor Business Park, Carlisle CA6 4SJ.

- 1. We need to know some basic information so that we can accurately report back to the council's Cabinet. Please tick those boxes that apply.

Are you a	Brook Street School	Petteril Bank School	Inglewood Infant or Junior	Penine Way School	Upperby School	St Cuthbert's School
Parent/carer	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Member of Staff	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Governor	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Other	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Other (please specify) \_\_\_\_\_

- 2. Given the current situation, and the information contained in this document, do you think it appropriate for the schools named above to be expanded?

Yes  No

Supporting and additional comments can be entered overleaf if required.

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_  
(Please print)

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**Please provide any supporting / additional comments below:**