



**Cumbria County Council
Consultation on proposed
changes to Kingmoor
Nursery & Infant and
Kingmoor Junior Schools**

Wednesday 23 November 2011

Purpose of this event

- To share information about:
 - Our projections for demand for pupil places
 - The options to increase places available
 - How the Council will make the decision
- To enable you to comment on these and ensure we capture the points raised.
- To feed back the comments and views to Councillors as part of the decision making process

Our consultation process

- Consultation document published on 1st November
- Distributed to parents via the school
- Delivered to households near to school site
- Online questionnaire
- A consultation event at each school
- Feedback from all these brought together into a final report for Councillors

Using your voting handset

Handsets allow everyone in room to register their opinion.



No need to press these buttons

Your handset will switch off automatically between votes. Just press "On" button to restart yours.

Your handset's number

Use these buttons to vote "A" "B" "C" "D" "E" "F"

On button

Handset test question

Are you a:

1= Parent?

2= Local resident?

3 =Teacher/ governor?

4 = Other?

Why increase pupil numbers?

- Across Carlisle birth rate has been increasing
- Means increased demand for school places
- Council has legal duty to provide enough places
- Around 15 extra places needed to meet demand in future years
- Would increase capacity to 75 pupils per year group
- Gives overall capacity of 525 pupils (plus nursery) either across both schools or in one all-through primary school.

Your views

Questions and comments on the issue of increasing demand and the principle of increasing pupil places.

Your Views

- **Handset feedback:** Do you agree or disagree that the number of pupil places should be increased?
- **Press the buttons on your handset**
 - 1 = agree
 - 2 = disagree
 - 3 = don't know

Options for expansion (1)

Basically 2 options:

Option 1: Keep the two separate schools but expand each of them

Option 2: Amalgamate the two schools to create a new larger all-through primary school

Options for expansion (2)

- There are two ways to achieve option 2:
 - Close Nursery & Infants School and expand Junior School
 - Close Junior School and expand Nursery & Infants School
- Both technically possible but both achieve the same – new all-through primary school

Benefits of separate schools

- Retention of two successful schools
- Class organisation and structures maintained
- Personalised and detailed knowledge of the pupils and their families
- Experience of transition which can help to prepare pupils for the move to secondary education at the end of Key Stage 2
- A key stage-specific environment allowing children to thrive
- A curriculum tailored to the needs of the age-range delivered by specialist staff teams
- A nurturing environment for very young children

Benefits of amalgamation

- No need to transfer to a 'new' school at the end of Key Stage 1
- Shared consistent vision and values across the school
- Consistent engagement with parents across the primary phase
- Expertise within whole school can be better targeted across the full age range
- More resources to be spent directly on teaching and learning
- Professional development opportunities for staff within all-through environment
- In line with the county council's stated policy for all-through primary schools.

Your Views

Questions and comments on the options for expansion

Your views

Handset feedback: Which option do you think offers the best way forward?

1= Keep schools separate and expand them.

2 = Amalgamate (close the Nursery & Infant school)

3 = Amalgamate (close the Junior school)

4= Do not expand

Next steps

- Consultation ends 16 December
- Cabinet makes decision 12 January
- If changes agreed Statutory Notices published 27 January
- Final decision 15 March (depending on option)
- Implementation of any changes September 2012

Thank you for coming

- Feedback from this meeting will be reported to Councillors
- Cabinet's decision will be reported in January