



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

Thursday 24 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.



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)

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