

PROPOSAL TO ENLARGE MARYPORT CHURCH OF ENGLAND (CE) JUNIOR SCHOOL

Notice is given in accordance with section 19(1) of the Education and Inspections Act 2006, that Cumbria County Council intends to enlarge the premises of Maryport Church of England (CE) Junior School, Camp Road, Maryport, CA15 6JN from 1 September 2019.

In respect of an LA Proposal: School and local education authority details and category of school.

Cumbria County Council. School Organisation Team, Parkhouse Building, Baron Way, Kingmoor Business Park, Carlisle, CA6 4SJ.
The school to be enlarged is Maryport CE Junior School, Camp Road, Maryport, CA15 6JN (DfE number 909/2125). The category of the school is Voluntary Controlled.

There are separate, but associated, proposals being published by Cumbria County Council for the discontinuance of Maryport Infant School (a Community school), Camp Road, Maryport, CA15 6JN and by the governors of Maryport Junior School to extend the age range to allow the school to admit children between the ages of 2 and 11.

Description of alteration and evidence of demand

This and the linked proposals will allow the establishment of a new, all-through primary school on the existing schools' shared site. The enlargement of the premises results from Maryport CE Junior School taking over the existing Maryport Infant School buildings.

A formal consultation process was held between 30 April and 8 June 2018 with regards to the proposed amalgamation of Maryport Infant School and Maryport CE Junior School. This was in response to requests from both schools' governing bodies seeking the LA's support to bring about the changes proposed.

Those consulted included the local community, school staff, the school governing bodies, surrounding primary and secondary schools, the Roman Catholic and Church of England diocese, the local MP, local Trade Unions, district and parish councils and Allerdale Local Committee.

A staff and governors' meeting and a public meeting were held on 17 May 2018, giving all interested parties the opportunity to hear details of the proposed changes.

As well as the distribution of hard copy and email versions of the consultation information, all documentation was available on Cumbria County Council's website, the schools' websites, in local libraries and copies were sent to the local press.

There were 37 responses to the consultation questionnaire. 78% of

respondents agreed that 'A new all-through primary school should be established by extending the age range of Maryport CE Junior School and discontinuing the use of the Maryport Infant School DfE code'.

Objectives (including how the proposal would increase educational standards and parental choice).

The objective of the proposal is to amalgamate Maryport Infant School with Maryport CE Junior School. This will form a new all-through, CE primary school by extending the age range of the junior school. Both schools are rated as Good by Ofsted.

Benefits of forming a single school:

- An all-through primary school would guarantee a child's place throughout the primary phase.
- Consistent vision and values would be shared across the school.
- A single headteacher to oversee the whole primary phase.
- Consistent engagement for parents across the whole school with no need to transfer records at the end of Key Stages.
- Expertise from the whole school can be better targeted across the whole age range.
- Roles and services can be spread across the full school to allow more concentration of resources on teaching and learning.
- Better personal development opportunities for staff across the whole primary age range.
- Improves the sustainability of the new school by safeguarding against fluctuations in numbers on roll and funding changes.

Currently there is provision in Maryport for Community and Roman Catholic education at infant and junior phases but there is only Church of England junior provision. The formation of the new primary school will provide both infant and junior Church of England provision in Maryport.

The effect on other schools, academies and educational institutions within the area.

There will be minimal effect on the current situation for surrounding schools as there will be no change to the capacity of the existing schools and no change of location.

Project costs and indication of how these will be met, including how long term value for money will be achieved

There will be no project costs.

Implementation and any proposed stages for implementation

The implementation date will be 1st September 2019.

The procedure for responses, support, objections and comments

Within four weeks from the date of publication of this notice, any person wishing to raise objections or make comments on the proposal can do so by writing to Cumbria County Council, School Organisation Team, Parkhouse Building, Baron Way, Kingmoor Business Park, Carlisle, CA6 4SJ, or by emailing school.organisation@cumbria.gov.uk by Friday 5th October 2018.