PROPOSAL TO CHANGE THE AGE RANGE OF ARMATHWAITE SCHOOL.

Notice is given in accordance with section 19(1) of the Education and Inspections Act 2006 that Cumbria County Council intends to extend the age range at Armathwaite School, Station Road, Armathwaite, Carlisle CA4 9PW from educating children between the ages of 4 and 11 to educating children between the ages of 3 and 11.

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. Armathwaite School, Station Road, Carlisle CA4 9PW (DfE number 909/2005). The category of the school is Community.

Description of alteration and evidence of demand

The on-site nursery provider, Armathwaite Nursery Group, closed at the end of the summer term 2020. A governor-led nursery has been running from the site since that time and the proposals seek to formalise the establishment of a maintained nursery by changing the age range of the school from the current 4 to 11 to 3 to 11.

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

This is the only Early Years setting in Armathwaite and its loss will reduce parental choice.

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

None. There is already a nursery in operation on the site.

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

Implementation and any proposed stages for implementation

The proposal would be implemented on 1 January 2021.

The procedure for responses, support, objections and comments

Within four weeks from the date of publication of this notice, any person wishing to receive a copy of the full proposal, 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.