CUMBRIA COUNTY COUNCIL

Part 1

Notice is given in accordance with section 15(1) of the Education and Inspections Act 2006 that Cumbria County Council intends to discontinue Fairfield Junior School (a Community school), Gallowbarrow, Cockermouth, CA13 0DX on 31 August 2013.

It is proposed that pupils who would have expected to continue their education at Fairfield Junior School will transfer to the roll of Fairfield Primary School (a Community school) (see Part 2, below, which provides details of the related statutory proposal).

All statutory consultation requirements relating to this proposal have been complied with.

The Council's home to school transport policy will apply. The proposed Fairfield Primary School will have a Travel Plan that sets out a number of practical ways to reduce the number of car trips to school, to encourage more walking and cycling and to improve safety on the school journey.

Part 2

Notice is given in accordance with section 19(1) of the Education and Inspections Act 2006 that Cumbria County Council intends to make prescribed alterations to Fairfield Infant School (a Community school) Gallowbarrow, Cockermouth CA13 0DX from 01 September 2013.

The proposals are related to that set out in Part 1, above, and are intended to result in the formation of Fairfield Primary School (a Community school). This will be achieved through:

a) A change in the of age range at Fairfield Infant School, from 3-7 year olds to 3-11 year olds on 01 September 2013, and;

b) An enlargement of the school premises, to be achieved by the current Fairfield Infant School taking over the premises of the current Fairfield Junior School on 01 September 2013.

The current capacity of Fairfield Infant School is 180 and the proposed capacity will be 420. The current admission number for the school is 60 and the proposed admission number will be 60. The number of pupils on roll at the school on the date of publication of this notice is 147.

General

This Notice is an extract from the complete proposals. Copies of the complete proposals can be obtained from: Cumbria County Council, School Organisation Team, Parkhouse Building, Lower East Wing, Kingmoor Business Park, Carlisle, Cumbria CA6 4SJ. Email: <u>school.organisation@cumbria.gov.uk</u>. Telephone 01228 226013 or online at www.cumbria.gov.uk/childrensservices/school-organisation

Within six weeks from the date of publication of these proposals, any person may object to or make comments on the proposal by sending them to Cumbria County Council, School Organisation Team, Parkhouse Building, Lower East Wing, Kingmoor Business Park, Carlisle, Cumbria CA6 4SJ.

Signed: Angela Harwood

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Explanatory Notes

1. The effect of these proposals will be to create a Community Primary School from the existing Fairfield Infant and Junior schools with effect from 1 September 2013.

2. The Local Authority, with the support of the Governors of Fairfield Infant and Fairfield Junior schools, have brought forward the proposals as they consider that an amalgamation of the two schools will be in the best educational interest of current and future pupils.

3. Fairfield Infant School will be enlarged by the addition of the premises of the discontinued Fairfield Junior School.

4. Admission to the primary school will be in accordance with the county council's published policy on admissions. All pupils currently on roll in Reception-Year 5 at Fairfield Infant and Junior schools will be placed on the roll of Fairfield Primary School on 1 September 2013; no action is required by parents.

5. All objections and other comments made (and not withdrawn in writing) within the representation period will be sent in full to Cumbria County Council's Cabinet and published on the council's website, thereby making them a public document. The final decision on whether or not to implement these proposals will be made using guidance provided by the Department for Education, by the Cabinet of Cumbria County Council, within 2 months of the end of the representation period.