Your Views

ABOUT YOU

Governing Body of: Shaftoe Trust Primary School , Haydon Bridge._____

The G.Body at Shaftoe has expressed mixed views over the future of HBHS, the large majority supporting it's future and one Governor seeing the financial logic of amalgamating H. Bridge with Hexham's Q.E.

The consultations at the partnership meetings you have organised to date have inevitably and necessarily brought up the complexities of the present situation. We have discussed these formally and informally at Shaftoe. Other than the one Governor - who admits that because he hasn't/doesn't have children at the school he feels less qualified to comment, the strong consensus is that we wish to see a continuation of secondary/high school education at Haydon Bridge. We understand that there needs to be an imaginative review of the models that might provide a better continuity than the present however we are not experienced educationalists in the secondary key stages to know what may well be worth researching. UTC's are of course a good place to start, not least because HBHS has had a long history of very effective technical education in Agriculture and the trades.

We are strongly of the view that we all need to take the long view on this and provide for more than just the short term financially driven and apparently simple solution - close the school, amalgamate with Hexham and pump a large sum into a new build and new site. This strategy may well have been an option some years ago but the complexities require, we suggest that N.C.C. steps back from the momentum it has built up in trying to roll this plan out, and genuinely work in partnership with the community and school leaders in the valley to find a solution and wider choice for parents and children in the future.

Geoff Jackson
Chair of Governors
Shaftoe Trust Primary School

YOUR VIEWS (continued)

1) How do you think surplus places can be reduced in schools in Haydon Bridge and Hexham Partnerships? *Please note your thoughts and ideas below (use a separate sheet if necessary).*

2) Will the current structure of schools in the west of the county remain financially and educationally viable for the next 25 years? *Please note your thoughts and ideas below (use a separate sheet if necessary).*

3) Should schools in the west of the county receive additional capital investment and if so, how should this be invested? *Please note your thoughts and ideas below (use a separate sheet if necessary).*

4) Do colleagues see any merit in the establishment of a local authority Multi-academy trust and would your school want to join such an entity? *Please note your thoughts and ideas below (use a separate sheet if necessary).*

5) If you have any other ideas or proposals that do not fit with the questions above please attach them as additions to this document.

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