Your Views

ABOUT YOU

Governing Body of: Kielder First 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).*

Schools should be merged or joined
Change from 3 tier to 2 tier

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).*

No. The system is too fragmented. Some rural schools need to close.

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).*

There should be capital investment in one large school for children in the Haydon Bridge and Hexham catchment areas. The building should not necessarily have to be large enough to take children that come from outside these areas, such as Durham. The new building should be in Hexham.

Through this investment the education of all children should be very well catered for, especially those with special needs.

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).*
We may be interested in discussing this.

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.

One suggestion:

Close Bellingham Middle, Greenhaugh and West Woodburn. Bellingham First, Otterburn and Kielder become primaries. The needs of the older children would be catered for by a joined up approach. For instance, the existing relationship between Kielder and Bellingham First could be extended, specialist teachers could be shared etc. Children should then go to a new school in Hexham in year 7.

Kielder would perhaps be an obvious school to close but travelling distances makes this difficult. If Greenhaugh were to close, Falstone would become part of our catchment and we would continue to be sustainable (in our own sweet way!)

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