OTTERBURN FIRST SCHOOL

Be Happy, aim high and achieve your full potential

Wednesday 6th June 2018

Dear Mr Johnson,

Formal Consultation Response – Otterburn First School

We would like to thank you for the opportunity to comment on the Statutory proposal for the reorganisation of some of the maintained schools in the Haydon Bridge Partnership.

In the informal consultation Otterburn First School expressed a wish to become a primary school and we, the governing body, still feel that this is the best way forward for the school. This decision is unanimous. We believe that some of the first schools including Wark, Greenhaugh and Kielder have expressed a wish for you to consider an amendment to the implementation date for extending the age range of our schools, from September 2019 to September 2018.

Although Otterburn would not benefit from this as the two current Year 4 pupils have places at Ponteland we are happy to support this and if there is opportunity for the schools to implement changes from September 2018 then Otterburn would like to be considered as part of this implementation. The governors of Otterburn fully understand the concern from our neighbouring schools as pupils face having to make three changes of school within three years.

Of course, any changes made to convert to primary in September 2018 would be on the condition that the proposed capital development funding would not change and developments would go ahead ready for September 2019.

Yours Sincerely,

Mrs M Tait
Chair of Otterburn First School Governors

Executive Head Teacher: Caroline Elsey
Head of School: Tina Henderson
Otterburn First School, Otterburn, Newcastle upon Tyne. NE19 1JF
Phone: 01830 520283 E-mail: admin@otterburn.northumberland.sch.uk Website: www.otterburn.northumberland.sch.uk

Bronze Quality Mark 2014/15
Eco-Schools Bronze Award