OTTERBURN FIRST SCHOOL

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Thursday, 1st February 2018

Dear Mr Johnson,

CHANGE OF AGE RANGE FROM FIRST TO PRIMARY

At an extraordinary meeting of the governing body held on 19th December 2017 attended by majority of governors it was voted that Otterburn First School should consult to change its age range to that of a Primary School. The two absent governors have since voted in agreement of this. This has been something that the governing body has been considering for quite some time and is not a reaction to the consultation in the west. However, now this is the case the governors are even more passionate that this is the best way forward in continuing to provide a good quality education for the children in our catchment area.

A brief outline of reasons include:

- The apparent lack of viability of Hayden Bridge High School to continue
- The physical space within existing school is enough to educate the primary age range
- The travelling distance for year five and six pupils will be reduced for a further two years
- Predicted pupil numbers given by the local authority indicate that the pupil role would increase to make a financially viable primary school

A meeting for parents that was held on the 30th January 2018 was attended by almost every family and those that did not attend have spoken directly to the acting head teacher. All parents have shown a positive reaction and are in favour of this change.

Please consider our request as part of the west consultation.

Yours sincerely,

Margaret Tait Chair	Kevin Price Vice Chair	George Chapman Parent Governor	Darren Gaukrodger Parent Governor
Marilyn Mander SEND Governor	Alan Colby Associate Governor	John Bell Co-opted Governor	

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