



Meadowdale Academy

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Mrs J Finn – Head Teacher



Dear Parents , Carers, all Stakeholders

Re. Future Direction of Meadowdale Academy

Meadowdale Academy is proposing to change the age range and Pupil Admission Numbers (PAN) from Middle (9-13 years 5-8) to a Primary (Nursery to Year 6) setting.

Meadowdale Academy is a highly successful school. The school's ethos, staffing, facilities and of course the students make great learning prosper. As one of the highest achieving schools in Northumberland, governors and Senior Leaders believe Meadowdale Academy can continue to make an impact on raising the standards of education in the town by helping students achieve outstanding outcomes at KS2. Our aspirational ethos could be transformative if translated to include 'Early Years' provision.

Meadowdale is committed to working with all local schools and the Local Authority; we will continue to extend and further develop these partnerships in the future. We want to continue to work closely with all local schools in the area for the benefit of our immediate and wider community.

There is much change within education, with a number of schools now being Academies and a general move towards a two-tier system in the local authority. As an Academy, outside of Local Authority control, it is incumbent upon the governors to determine where they believe the future of the school lies to best serve the community. Due to a number of factors, beyond our control, we have explored all options open to us to secure the school's future sustainability, so that Meadowdale's legacy will exist for future generations.

Therefore, after exploring and exhausting all other options as governors and transparently with feeder first schools, we have finally arrived at the decision that it is in the best interests of all stakeholders that the proposal of age range change to a primary be considered and pursued. In pursuit of excellence for pupils, the Academy and wider community, we are consulting to change the age range and Pupil Numbers.

The full consultation document that outlines the reasons and the benefits of the proposal can be found on our website on a page dedicated to the change consultation. You will find a quick link for this on the home page (www.meadowdale.northumberland.sch.uk). A hard copy is available from the school office.

We are genuinely interested and welcome your thoughts and opinions and will ensure that all comments are considered. Responses to the age range change proposal can be made on the dedicated form in the electronic version and submitted via the change consultation page on the school website or on the hard copy. Your comments on this form will be important. Responses to the admission arrangements on the paper copy should be made in writing to:

Mr Derek Alcraft - Chair of Governors
Care of Office Manager - Mrs Gail Bradford
Meadowdale Academy
Hazelmere Avenue
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Or by email to admin@meadowdale.northumberland.sch.uk

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You are also invited to join us at one of our morning, afternoon or evening consultation drop ins. In addition, we are offering a one to one appointment with a Senior Leader.

Consultation Process

Parent/Guardians and Members of the Community Drop - Ins at Meadowdale Academy:

Date	Time
Monday 1 st October	5.30-6.30 pm
Wednesday 3 rd October	8.00-9.00 am
Friday 5 th October	1.30-2.30 pm

Depending upon the numbers at our drop-in sessions, we are willing to provide extra dates if required and will post the dates and times by text, on our website and Facebook posts.

In addition to the parent and community 'drop in' appointments:

- One to one appointment can be arranged by contacting school.
- Wednesday 3rd October consultation meeting for academy Staff only 3.30pm Dining Hall
- Friday 5th October assemblies during the school day to include students of Meadowdale

We shall keep all stakeholders updated throughout the consultation process by posting FAQs on the change consultation page on the school website. Responses will be analysed and used to produce a consultation report which will be published on the school website.

The consultation process for age range will run from **24th Sept until 12.00 noon Friday 19th October.**

The consultation process for Pupil Admission Numbers (PAN) will run from **24th Sept until 12.00 noon Friday 9th November 2018.**

Please note that all responses must be submitted no later than noon on that day. All of this information will be collated for the governors meeting week commencing 19th November where they will decide whether or not to make a submission to the Secretary of State.

We are excited about the proposed changes and aim to continue to deliver educational excellence. As our latest Ofsted report (2017) states, **'The diligence and sustained ambition of teachers is reflected in the strong progress that pupils continue to make.'** We are in every way, 'more than a school' and our ambition is to further develop and secure that legacy as a primary school.

Yours sincerely

Mrs Joy Finn Headteacher

Mr Derek Alcraft Chair of Governors

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