



## **Proposals to expand Broadway East First School and to relocate the School to a new site on Newcastle Great Park - update September 2017**

### **What happens next?**

#### **Statutory process**

A joint statutory notice by Newcastle City Council and Broadway East First School will be published in the local press and on the school's and Newcastle City Council's websites. This gives 4 weeks from the date of publication for comments on or objections to the proposal. When the notice expires the Local Authority will consider the responses and then bring a report to Cabinet requesting a final decision as to whether the proposal should go ahead. This is proposed for November 2017. Although this is a tight timetable, it means that parents applying for reception places in September 2018 would know the outcome and decision prior to the closing date for admissions which is 15 January 2018.

The Cabinet report and decision will need to address the concerns raised through the stakeholder consultation and all relevant factors in the Guidance for Decision-makers (DfE, April 2016).

#### **Future Admissions arrangements, including feeder school links**

Gosforth first, middle and high schools have already begun joint work to develop proposed new admissions arrangements, including feeder school links, from September 2020. This is already required, regardless of the outcome of this proposal, due to the expansion of three first schools in September 2015 and the new Y5-11 school that is due to open on Newcastle Great Park in September 2020. The final decision regarding this proposal will be taken account of in the new admissions proposals which will require full consultation by the relevant admissions authorities (foundation school governing bodies or Academy Trusts) in line with the School Admissions Code.

The timescales for determining admissions arrangements are prescribed by the statutory [School Admissions Code](#). Under the [latest guidance \(December 2014\)](#), the timeline for determining the September 2020 admissions arrangements would be:

- 1 October 2018 Earliest date to start consultation on proposed arrangements. Consultation **must** last a minimum of 6 weeks.
- 1 January 2019 Deadline for the local authority to formulate a co-ordinated scheme for state funded schools in their area, including any new school or Academy which is expected to open.

- 31 January 2019 Deadline for the completion of the consultation on proposed admission arrangements.
- 28 February 2019 Deadline for admission arrangements to be determined even if they have not changed from the previous year and a consultation has not been required.
- 28 February 2019 After which the Secretary of State may impose a co-ordinated scheme if local agreement has not been secured by this date.
- 15 March 2019 Deadline for admission authorities to send a copy of their full determined admission arrangements to their local authority. Deadline for local authorities to publish on their website the proposed admission arrangements for any new school or Academy which is intended to open within the determination year, details of where the determined arrangements for all schools, including Academies, can be viewed, and information on how to refer objections to the Schools Adjudicator.
- 15 May 2019 Deadline for objections to the Schools Adjudicator.
- 30 June 2019 Deadline for local authorities to report to the Schools Adjudicator on admission arrangements in their area.
- 8 August 2019 Deadline for governing bodies to provide admission arrangements information to the local authority to allow them to compile composite prospectus.

Please note that the above dates are indicative and would change if there are changes in legislation or updated Admissions statutory guidance, including arrangements and timelines, published by the Department for Education.

### **School places in other Gosforth First Schools**

Initial discussions have already taken place with the governing bodies of other schools close to Broadway East First School regarding the opportunity to expand if the proposed relocation takes place. These will continue and be further developed to ensure that there are sufficient local places to meet future needs. Any proposed expansions would need to follow the consultation and other requirements set out in the [School Organisation Regulations and Statutory Guidance](#).

### **Transitional travel arrangements**

Accessibility of the new site and travel to it will need to be considered in more detail in the November 2017 Cabinet report to inform the decision whether to relocate and expand the school following the statutory notice and representation. The Governing Body and Local Authority recognise that this is a key issue for the families of pupils who would be relocating to the new site and are committed to finding and, where needed, funding appropriate transport solutions to support this transition.

If the decision is taken to go ahead with the proposals, a new school travel plan would be developed. In planning for the implementation, there would be opportunities for engagement with all families affected by the relocation to find appropriate solutions to make detailed plans that address travel and accessibility issues.