



Northumberland County Council

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Dear Parents/Carers, Staff Member and Governors

Almost three weeks ago, Northumberland County Council published a consultation on schools and education in the Berwick Partnership and this is a reminder to you that you have until **22 October** to submit your views if you have not yet done so.

One of Northumberland County Council's key priorities is to enable every child living in the County to attend a good, local school. Part of the work to support this priority includes the provision of sound, suitable buildings in which school staff are able to effectively deliver the broad and balanced curriculum necessary for all children and young people to achieve to their full potential, no matter what their abilities. In order to support this priority in the Berwick area, the Council has already earmarked £40m for investment in education in Berwick Partnership of Schools within its buildings capital programme.

With this in mind, the Council intends to look more widely at the current system of school organisation in the Berwick area to ensure that any significant investment made in school buildings will achieve best value for the public purse in the form of improved outcomes for children and a long-term, viable school system. Before beginning any formal process of consultation, we are asking you as school staff, parents, Governors and members of the wider community at this stage to provide us with some of your initial thoughts about what you believe are the priorities for a good system of educational provision suitable for this area, a system that enables children of all abilities to achieve their best. To assist you with formulating your thoughts, we have provided you with a range of information to take into consideration when thinking about schools in the Berwick Partnership.

The consultation closes on **FRIDAY 22 OCTOBER** therefore if you have not already submitted your response, please take the opportunity to do so by **using the link below**. Thank you to those of you who have already completed the questionnaire.

<https://haveyoursay.northumberland.gov.uk/education-skills/schools-in-the-berwick-area-your-views>

Yours sincerely

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