

# **Burnt Yates Church of England Primary School**

**Consultation Meeting  
6.30pm 15 January 2018**

## AGENDA

1. Welcome and Introductions –  
County Councillor Patrick Mulligan,  
Executive Member for Education and Skills
  2. Presentation
  3. Question and Answers
- 8.00pm Close

# Purpose of Meeting

1. It is proposed by the County Council that Burnt Yates Primary School should close with effect from 31 August 2018.
2. This meeting is part of a consultation process to consider the views of all those likely to be affected.

# What are we proposing?

1. That the local authority should cease maintaining the school from 31 August 2018
2. That the school's catchment area becomes part of the catchment area for another local school(s) – views welcome

## What is the background to this proposal ?

- Special Measures Judgement – Ofsted December 2016
- Directive Academy Order (DAO)
- No Academy Sponsor
- Revoked DAO to allow closure – technical or actual via consultation
- Unsuccessful amalgamation attempt

# Why is change proposed now?

1. Educational standards
2. Falling pupil numbers
3. Temporary staffing arrangements
4. Unsustainable financial position – not about savings for County Council

# Leeds Anglican Diocese

- The Diocese perspective
- Attempts to secure a sponsor
- The Ripley amalgamation proposal
- Land and buildings

# Pupil numbers

1. School buildings net capacity 53 pupils
2. 32 primary aged pupils live in the Burnt Yates catchment area – 7 of these attended the school in October 2017
3. Numbers on roll have in general been reducing since 2010



# Pupil numbers over time

- 2010 – 50
- 2011 – 43
- 2012 – 40
- 2013 – 40
- 2014 – 30
- 2015 – 25

# Pupil numbers recent

- October 2016 – 28
- December 2016 – 28 (Ofsted Inspection)
- October 2017 – 18 (Amalgamation proposal)
- January 2018 – 12

# Current pupil numbers

Year Group	Pupils
Reception	2
Year 1	4
Year 2	0
Year 3	2
Year 4	2
Year 5	0
Year 6	2
Total	12

# Local schools

- 9 schools within 5 miles of Burnt Yates by road
- 8 rated good or outstanding
- 6 with current surplus capacity (total pupils v net capacity)

# Local Housing developments

- Several villages expected to see some housing growth through approvals and local plan allocations (up to 2035). On average, 1 primary-aged pupil from every 4 houses.
- Killinghall – 109 pupils from approvals, 65 from local plan allocations
- Summerbridge – 14 pupils from approvals, 28 from local plan allocations
- Hampsthwaite – 9 pupils from approvals, 44 from unapproved applications, 28 from local plan allocations
- Others smaller scale; Burnt Yates – 2 pupils from 8 approvals

# School financial projections

- Deficits in year of £78.5k in 2018/19 and £76.9k in 2019/20
- Cumulative deficits of £155.2k in 2018/19 and £232.0k in 2019/20.
- Based on pupil number assumptions of 18 in 2018/19 and 19 in 2019/20.

# Current situation in School

## 1. Standards

Outcomes in 2017 (small cohorts)

KS2 progress scores – average in reading, writing and mathematics

KS1 attainment was in line with national for reading and mathematics.

Early years outcomes were below national for GLD

Internal tracking demonstrates that most pupils are making expected progress, however groups of pupils need further support to ensure that they reach their potential

Evidence from school leadership and LA identifies that teaching and learning currently requires improvement.

## 2. Staffing

Teachers/Head teacher on fixed term contracts until the end of the academic year.

# Other Options?

1. Academy sponsor – proved not possible through due diligence
2. Amalgamate – considered unlikely in light of Ripley decision
3. Continue as is ? – challenges to be overcome:
  - pupil numbers
  - standards
  - finances



# Regional Schools Commissioner

- If following the closure process the Local Authority decided to keep the school open, the Regional Schools Commissioner has advised she would need to consult with the Secretary of State.

# What would happen to pupils?

1. Advice and assistance is available to individual parents at any time
2. Pupils on roll at the school in July 2018 would be offered places at alternative schools with places available and in line with parental preference wherever possible
3. Where this involves travel beyond 2 miles (or 3 for those aged 8+) to the catchment school or nearest school to home address, assistance with transport would be provided (catchment decision pending).

# What would happen to staff at the school?

1. Staff will be supported through the process
2. Fixed term contract arrangements would end

# What would happen to Governors?

1. The Governing Body would be expected to remain in place through to the implementation of the decision if agreed
2. The Governing Body would be disestablished from 31 August 2018

# What happens to the school site?

- The School buildings and site are not owned by NYCC
- It would be a matter for Trustees (Admiral Long Foundation) as owners / Diocese
- Decisions about future use would be taken after determination of the closure proposal

## What happens now?

1. Consultation runs until **27 February 2018**.  
Your views are important – please respond to the consultation
2. Complete form – hard copy or online
3. County Council Executive considers responses on 13 March 2018
4. Final decision – 22 May 2018
5. School would close – 31 August 2018

# Consultation responses

<https://www.northyorks.gov.uk/current-consultations>

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The closing date for responses is 27 February 2018

# Questions? Views?

Chaired by Cllr Patrick  
Mulligan



# Questions

- Patrick Mulligan – NYCC Executive Member
- Richard Noake – Leeds Anglican Diocese
- Fiona Beevers – Leeds Anglican Diocese
- Jean Tither – Chair of Governors
- Andy Lancashire – NYCC School Improvement
- Steven Holmes – NYCC School Improvement
- Andrew Dixon – NYCC Strategic Planning