

Notes from governors meeting - Bedlington West End First School
9th May 2019 6:00 p.m.

PRESENT:

5 members of governing body, including Headteacher

NCC Officers:

Head of School Organisation and Resources - Sue Aviston

School Organisation Manager - Lorraine Fife

Project Support Officer - Jacqui Pearson, notes

Sue Aviston presented the powerpoint to the group.

Questions which were raised following the presentation were:

1. How do the responses of the consultation get counted, is it a referendum?

- A. It is not based on the number of votes for or against the proposed model. It is the weight of the arguments that are put forward and by whom, so for example the Governing Body response will have a higher weighting than a member of the community who now lives in and is responding to the consultation from Australia.

2. Catchment area - what will happen with this?

- A. There is no proposal to change the catchment area beyond the partnership catchment.

3. You talk about how will the school be run? What do you mean by this?

- A. It is your education brief to show what your school day will look like. There is a template that SA can send.
- B. The Schedule of Accommodation is used as a guidance for the required area in terms of school space that will be needed for a 1.5FE Primary School.
- C. There are maintenance issues that we may be able to address with any developments as it would be more cost effective to do so.

4. Thinking about an ARP. We would be looking at behavioural, ASD as an option.

- A. The LA can look at the data with the school and see what is possible.

5. Is it possible to share a playing field with St Bede's?

- A. It is possible if both schools agree.
- B. There will be an additional cost to the school as you will need to contribute to the current maintenance costs.
- C. Artificial grass is a possibility on the current site to give some outdoor play space.

6. Where does the partnership grow secondary places?

- A. We will be speaking to both academies and will also seek the views of parents.

7. What about Meadowdale pupils? Where do they go?

- A. The LA can guarantee a place for any Northumberland pupil (that is our statutory responsibility), it just may not necessarily be their preferred school.

8. Staff are anxious - work being undertaken by the Headteacher to make this as easy as possible for staff is:

- A. Desktop working out looking at the required number of teachers and the finances needed to be educationally and financially viable.

Is there support to look at the budget too?

- A. Yes. The LA will provide support to the school to plan for the transition to primary. As well as support from the school improvement team to plan for the new curriculum.

6:55 p.m. close of meeting