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Response to consultation from JCSC Governing Body

The JCSC board of governors shares a commitment to our community and their children. We view the consultation on the structure of the schools in the Coquet Partnership as an opportunity to provide our community with the education structure which is most suited to our children both now and in the future, and provides them with the very best start in life.

The Governing body of JCSC welcome the proposed capital investment, this is very much needed; we understand that work is being done to ensure the level of investment secured is appropriate for the schools in the Coquet Partnership.

While we are committed to the current structure of our school, we understand that we must now consider other options for how education in this partnership could be structured. The young people who leave JCSC's Sixth Form do so with some of the highest KS5 outcomes in Northumberland. They have had access to fantastic facilities earlier in their education journey than many schools offer, coupled with unrivalled pastoral support. Despite the strengths of the current structure we understand the need to consider the effectiveness and sustainability of an alternative model before the proposed capital investment proceeds.

Whatever the outcome of this consultation, we will work tirelessly to make either system a success. We have already invested a great deal to make changes successfully in years 5 and 6, as reports from external visitors such as our School Improvement Partner and ONE Vision NLE's acting on behalf of DfE clearly evidence. JCSC welcomed OFSTED to our school last week and we are looking forward to receiving our report, once published in July.

Our focus is to provide the best possible education for the children in our community, work for them and unite our partnership education system. We will support the decision made following the consultation and we will work as hard as it takes to make the future model work effectively, whatever that model might be.

As Governors of a large school, we do have some operational concerns which we would like to better understand such as financial implications and staffing protocol during any transition period.

We have a shared commitment with our colleagues across the Coquet Partnership to the best outcome for our children and young people and to the communities we all serve.

Yours faithfully

Sue Currie and the Board of Governors at JCSC.