

## **Spittal School Staff response**

As a staff we feel the best option to meet the needs of the children in the Berwick partnership is through a 3-tier system. We don't feel it is appropriate for us to comment on which school close or remain open. We feel it would be appropriate to explore further the alternative model for a single middle school and wider opportunities for closer working between all schools across the phases.

As a staff we feel it is a decision for Wooler and Belford whether they remain in the Berwick partnership or move to the Alnwick partnership.

In terms of the provision for SEND we agree that the needs for SEND learners can be met under the 3-tier system. We feel that The Grove special school should have a new site as it is currently oversubscribed and there is an increasing demand for spaces which should be met within the Berwick area. The options for separate, purpose built site/s for SEMH learners should be explored further.

Post 16 or Post 18 opportunities need to be considerably extended to provide relevant training and education related to the local context, modern technologies and preparation for careers that can pursued both locally and nationally.