

## Student Comments (Gathered by Schools' Questionnaire)

- I think they should fix the schools and add new facilities as they are.
- I personally like all the three different school one by the sea and wheatrig and Astley are very close anyway.
- I think you should have a similar uniform to what there is now however everything else seems great.
- I want seaton sluice to stay open because it will be very confusing for the kids and in the morning the front of the school will be really busy since there is a lot more kids.
- I just want to say that it will be very confusing for all of the children and where will we all go will be home schooled and it is just going to way to busy and to may children it will be overwhelming.
- All sounds good, but it doesn't make sense to put the schools together as they all seem fine individually.
- I think they should keep the uniform close to the same but depending where it is change the name.
- I think the plan shouldn't go ahead because I really love this school how it is and I was also planning to work at this school but I wouldn't be able too because its shut down. Overall don't think they should do it.
- Pads and tampons in the girls toilet rooms, vending machines for food, more non school uniform days,
- If the schools are on the same site what will happen with like the year 11's and 5's I know they have different exits to the field but still.
- I think that it will be scary for the year fives coming to a new school with new people and it being huge. they might get lost or may not be able to find things easily. Plus with a new uniform parents have to spend more money on a new uniform even if last years fit. Plus people from Blyth might not be able to get to school on a bus since its too far away. i think that the 3 schools should stay open because it is easier to bring kids into smaller groups little by little and not forcing them into a scary new school where they possibly don't know anyone. Also with a lot of students coming and going in one area the traffic and fumes from cars it will hectic. This is my short summary on why the new schools would be a VERY BAD IDEA.
- i like the idea of the schools becoming one
- I think it will make life more difficult for some people, and that it is fine the way it is.
- I do not think this plan is a good idea, having high school children and middle school children being picked up from the same bus stops (maybe even getting the same bus) is an accident waiting to happen, some kids don't even like having to get on the same bus a year eights so having nine year olds in the same bus stop / on the same bus could be very intimidating and scary for younger students and older children could potentially be a bad influence on the younger children at the bus stop / on the bus. I get that the plans are to make the school bigger and better however, young children who have just got used to set into a new middle school / high school, therefore people could end up being just as unsetetleled as they were at the start of their middle/ high school journies. I also think that new uniform should not be forced upon students as it is very expensive and shouldn't be compulsory unless the school are going to offer financial aid for people who are not able to afford new uniform when they have just had to spend a fortune on buying their one for their new school (if they are new to the school, of course). I am very upset by this possible plan to make these schools together, personally i feel like if they are going to build a new school that they should do it just for astley and not for both schools as I have been saying for a while now astley needs to be rebuilt, and building two new schools is a waste of money and precious time. Thank you for reading my response and i hope you take my opinions into accountability.
- I just dont like the idea
- its a good idea

- its a great plan
- I have a few concerns. First of all, the busses. For children in year 5 they might feel anxious about sharing a bus with year 13s. Also the new school sounds wonderful, but adding 3 schools is too much, I think it would better if you had the two middle schools on one site and the high school on another. Also imagine having break as a a year five and sharing a yard with year 11s.
- For 5 it really depends where it is if they change the name but the uniform should stay the same.
- can we have a option for uniform like different uniforms as such this uniform plus another plus another so we have a option
- I think that it may be a problem settling in since you may/ may not of spent 1-2 years at \_\_\_ school. However, if there are improvements made to facilities, I believe it may improve the wellbeing of students attending.
- I dont think it should happen because sluice middle is apart of Seaton Sluice for decades, it would be gone in just a click, I think it should stay because people would find issues of where it would be built, and depends on where its built
- Maybe keep the uniform colour of Seaton Sluice Middle, It's a nice colour of blue and goes well with the Astley High Uniform
- I think its not a great idea because of covid and mixing bubbles, also its just inconvenient for other places.
- it's a bad idea
- I am very sad that Seaton sluice middle
- Our middle school is ofsted rated good. Whytrig is requires improvement. Why bring down our rating? Why take down our family?
- I think it isn't a good idea because the new site would be very crowded and it would stress some people out. It also would not be good for the environment when the pupils that live in Seaton Sluice would have to get a bus.
- Our Middle school's rating is good by Ofsted and Whytrig's is needs improvement so why bring our rating down?
- I think the schools should be closer together but not joined together if that makes sense?
- I do not want the school to because some people would like a school in their area and ,some people may of grown attach to the school since it has been around for more then 10 years now, it is also going to be mad how how many cars there will be parked out of this one school some other pupils might not be able to afford a bus fair everyday.
- Not only will this cause a spike for Covid 19 but it will also impact bullying negatively as older students may potentially pick on the younger students. I appreciate the opportunity for the extra utilities; however, multiple of the items suggested are already available at the High school as it stands swimming pool e.g.
- I don't really care about the new build happening in 2024 because I will be in a different federation by the time this school will be built. I wouldn't be in that area so it does not bother me in the future, It would be nice to keep this school in sluice because there is a first school in the village so why not have a middle school to?!
- Yes I think the facilities would be better but what about my sister when she goes to middle school she will be with much older people. People might get bullied more
- I don't think it is a good idea because Seaton sluice middle school has been here for over 50 years and I think most people who have been here will be really sad to see it be knocked down. Kids who are in first school will be looking forward to be coming to Seaton sluice middle school and they will be upset for that not to happen like my little sister who will be coming to Seaton sluice in 3 years time and want to follow my steps by coming to this school and enjoying it as much as I do.
- good idea
- its a good idea.
- KEEP ALL SCHOOLS! DONT CHANGE THEM.

- It will be very good because then people from SSMS will not have to travel to a different school for PE/Swimming lessons. SSMS has parts of the school that are decaying, but with a whole new piece of land there is the opportunity for a fresh new start.
- Dont do it and if so, make the school in the centre for eg; new hartley or seaton sluice
- plz dont knock seaton sluice middle down plz
- non uniform everyday and better food for school dinner
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- I dont think its a good idea combining schools because it will be too big
- I think its a good idea but I don't want it to go ahead
- there should be a quite room for people to do there work if they are getting distracted
- there should be a place where people can go to sleep at breaks and/or study hall/room.
- i think it will be easier for me to go to the new school beacuse i dont live near my current school
- Cooking
- I think that it is a good idea but I have a question will the classes be mixed up ?
- No I think it is a good idea because they get to meet new people.
- i think it is good to make a new school but it might be hard for people who take the buss but uver than that i thin it good especially new uniform also i like red uniform hint hint
- For question 2 on page 3 I don't think it is a good idea because we will be going to school with people that are a lot older than us.
- Maybe if Seaton sluice got n extension it could become the new high school.=)
- So it doesn't get destroyed and so it doesn't take loads of time to Bild a new school. ;3
- With the new Astley could you rethink on the uniform and possibly consider adding a blazer instead of the jumpers/sweaters as you can open them up in the summer and they look a lot smarter. Also could you think about adding a different tie with the blazer as the blue and rainbow tie doesn't look very appealing. In my mind the tie looks very primary school like. Thanks for reading this, - Seaton Sluice Middle School student.
- no but it sound intresting
- it is not the best idea bc it will make the town less attractive
- I like the idea but I would miss seaton sluice
- i think that it is a very good idea and i hope it goes ahead.
- I struggle with changes so i don't know how i will handle it
- Maybe make the new school to be closer to seaton sluice as well as us then i will say no for question 5
- i dont think it is a good idea because there would be to many people and it will be hard for other people if they live 3miles away
- Im not a fan of this because the school would to busy
- I do not think it is a good plan because there will be loads of people in one place and i would not like to go on a school bus
- I think that if people from seaton sluice might of went there because it is easier for them to get there.
- i am a big fan about this because i would like new people to join the school
- yes because you will live more miles away and there will be more cars what is bad for the invrment. I would really like this to happen but I don't know what it will be like.One thing I would really like to have on site is a stage for performances and after school clubs
- I think i don't because there will be to many people plus the cafiteria won't be big enuf
- I think that people from Seaton Sluice will have an option to meet new people and have new friends.
- I think we might have to make cuts in the road so you could go to the new school on a pathway.
- I don't like the idea. 1. There will be to much traffic in the area meaning that some residents of either town may want to live somewhere else due to the noise. 2.I think it would be better to upgrade the facilities at the schools rather than build a new one.

- I think it is a great idea because you can make more friends but if the school is in a different place it might be unfair on the Seaton sluice pupils; they have to take the bus instead of walking or biking because they might enjoy it.
- If there is a new middle school then both middle schools that we have at the moment might have different rules to each other so it might be difficult to have different rules to what we are used to. Also, it could affect the pupils in Seaton Sluice Middle because they might have to get a bus every day instead of walking. Finally, adults will have to buy a new uniform.
- I don't think this is a good idea because some people will live so far away so they won't be able to walk and some people may not want to take the bus or their parents might not be able to drive them to school because they might be at work. Some people may not be able to afford a new set of uniform/P.E kit. Plus it will be too chaotic because there will be loads of people.
- I don't think it's a good idea because people might have to move house to get to school on time and if people want to walk for exercise but have to take the car because it is really far.
- I would also like to have no more ties because I do not really like wearing them.
- I think it should go ahead because then there will be more things to do.
- I think it is going to be a good idea.
- personally I don't like the idea about the new school. Seaton Sluice Middle is out of the way and is a really nice school it would be nice to keep it in the community. It's also full of really nice teachers
- I think it would not be a good idea, because if it is somewhere far away people will struggle to get there. People have just got used to the middle school and if we move it won't only affect us it will affect younger siblings.
- I don't care but if I had to say then yes
- I hope they don't make a new school I like this school
- Can Seaton Sluice Middle have a swimming pool? and keep us in Seaton Sluice. Can you knock down our school and build it on the same site?
- THIS SCHOOL IS GOOD DONT DESTROY US!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!
- I think it is a good idea but there will be some people not happy about getting the bus
- yes, I'm scared in cases I don't see my friends ever again.
- I live in Blyth right now and my Mum specifically chose to send me to Seaton Sluice Middle School instead of Whytrig because of the distance is much much closer to where I live and this school has better Ofsted reports and it's just a nice little school. It would also probably be bad for everybody who lives in the street near Whytrig and Astley because it would be a whole more heap of cars going to one street.
- Well I live in New Hartley and it's gonna be a bit far I think and I really hope there will be school buses and it won't be the best if we have to get a public bus, I would hate the new school uniform I think I would cry, it won't be the best, it would be such a big school and yeah some people like big schools but I have even asked some of my friends and they even said they don't like big schools. I would be much more happy in my little school than a big massive school that you can always get lost in, it makes no sense why the school would want to do it, I know that the council are doing it for houses but isn't there lots of houses in Sluice? long story short I just don't think it's a good idea.
- I have many people who I know and I am not particularly friends with on that site, but I will not let my personal life get into the way of more than 400 children
- it's not fair two schools are joining together when one isn't as good as the other. Whytrig has less facilities and I don't think joining them together would be fair for Seaton Sluice
- I don't like the name of Astley being changed due to the past history of this school. Students' grandparents used to attend and I feel that the new build would lack the community feel.

- I think having the 2 schools on one site could lead to the children to grow up to fast. I went to sluice middle school and I think it was great that it was a smaller school with smaller years it made everyone be friends with everyone and joining the 2 middle schools will ruin this . However I think I new high school with new facilities is a good idea
- make sure there is plenty sitting for all pupils
- Depending on how big the school is, how big will the car park be? Because it'll cause an issue for parents getting in and out of school in the morning and afternoon when they finish.
- Combined middles schools is a good idea however I believe they should be on a site in sluice as it is a shame to lose that land and a loss for the seaton sluice community. I also do not like the idea of changing astleys name as it has been called that for many years, even my grandparents attended. However I am looking forwards to using new facilities in the future. Also as a resident of the near by street I think it is an important thing to look at parent parking as my street is difficult to park in at school times.
- It will be good to keep the middle school and high school as separates, to avoid year 5s and year +10s in the same area as each other
- There will be a smaller sense of community.
- There might be a problem if the year 5s and year 10s are in the same building.
- new uniforms would be expensive for other people and buses would also have to be paid for
- I feel that if we change the name of the school we will lose the history of the school
- Personally I think that the combined middle school should have a new name, however keep the high school as Astley High.
- If all three schools were built in the Seaton Delaval area the traffic will become horrendous, and it is already bad so what is the point in making this already established issue worse.
- Traffic concerns as Delaval is extremely busy already
- I think it would be a great idea. The only problem that I can think of would be for middle schoolers who have to get to school themselves it may be a distance if they live in sluice and they would have to get up very early to get a bus themselves which I think is a little frightening for a one so young to have to be travelling that distance alone.
- don't put all 3 right next to each other, very intimidating for a 10 year old
- If the middle school closes then houses will be built on the middle school field. Football teams such as seaton sluice juniors will have no where to play their football matches. ndont merge the schools, very bad idea
- although you are going to build new schools you need to bring the hot chocolate machine from cafe 6 or it will be a awful school
- Traffic might be a concern with so many students on the same site, so a large car park would be good
- Everyone loves seaton sluice but for the two other schools to be redone and not sluice is unfair Skitz
- GMOD ?
- \$1 scratchy
- I should have been asked about it first... NO!!!
- ensure that all facilities are big enough for the capacity of students and there isn't a large change in how students are treated from using the reason of having new uniform and facilities.
- it will get the seaton sluice students to get used to getting the bus to school for school
- i think that they shouldnt make a new school as its gonna charge seaton sluice pupils to get to school also some people may not be able to get there
- It will not be worth it
- i think ssms should stay, as it has been their for a while
- Not bothered

- not to be built
- Depending on where this new school is located it may cause issues for people living in certain areas to get to the new school, some people may have to wake up a lot earlier to walk to the new school or to catch a bus which may be more of an inconvenience than it is for them currently
- Some people go to Sluice middle school as it is in walking distance of their house and a new school could show as bad because if their parents don't have any available transport and can't afford their kid to go on the bus it would be a longer walk. What could be done is use the money to fix some things wrong with the school e.g get new school equipment like rulers, glue sticks and improve certain areas inside the school like new textbooks in science because some of the pages are falling out of the cover.
- the thing that makes moving to high school good is all the schools merging together and meeting new people. if we have all the schools on the same site it's taking that away
- I think that Seaton sluice should have some money to build new facilities and keep its location because I think Seaton sluice middle school doesn't need to change location it just needs updated facilities. I also think keeping the schools separate will benefit over crowding, this will keep the new kids safer and residents happy.
- It is good for the middle schools to be separate as it means they can meet new people when going into high school.
- you should make a new play ground
- the Seaton sluice football team would not have a pitch to play on.
- Can we have lockers that are bigger and built in the walls please. It is hard to squeeze through the corridor.
- Why don't they just keep it how it is with sluice middle school and just add more facilities to Astley
- I think it is a bad idea because the schools are evenly spread out perfectly and during the current covid pandemic it seems like it is going to last for a long time so it will bring a higher risk of students getting covid or just a bug/disease in general which could be risky for people with health problems.
- good idea
- how are you going to build it Astley ground ? and is it big enough ?
- You might have to employ more teachers due to the amount of students they're gonna be.
- i think you should keep everything exactly the same but split the money between all 3 schools and build new stuff onto it like more modern kitchens and new studios but i think it's a bit unnecessary joining the schools together mainly for the seaton sluice students
- that the bathrooms should be more hygienic
- I think whytrig and Astley should get put together but not Seaton sluice middle school because if new houses get built there it will be too busy
- include gender neutral facilities
- There will be little kids and nearly adults getting on the same school bus
- What will happen with people who live in Blyth? Will they have to get a bus up?
- if pupils from seaton sluice need a bus they should have their own and not mix with high school pupils
- Can people have longer to get to school because Blyth children it's hard for them.
- i think that the uniforms should be changed, however only a new name for the new combined middle school and leave Astley's name alone because it has always been Astley for years and it will be like a memory carried forward to the new and improved Astley.
- I think it's a good idea however I think the history of the two schools should always be remembered
- The school should be still called astley but instead of achs for astley community high school it should be acs for astley community school

- I think that Seaton sluice should get a new building and still have the nice facilities but on a different site because the two middle schools together will have too many students and Whytrig is good because they're more focused on each student and that's why its a good school.
- do it. only reason i'm against middle schools thing is because i think the primary then secondary two tier system works better
- i think it should just be whytrig and astley
- if possible do not change the name just the uniform to something more smart like blazers
- I believe that bringing all the schools together is a good idea, however bringing Seaton Sluice away from the heart of the community wouldn't be the best idea due to transport issues. Having smaller middle schools is better for transitions from middle to high as the size difference isn't too significant and so students would feel more comfortable with smaller middle schools. In regards to the uniform, i believe that the middle school jumpers should be used as they're more comfortable than the Astley jumpers as they're too thin. It seems to be unlikely that all the facilities would fit onto one site, the new plan seems too unrealistic. Overall i believe that there are valid arguments to both sides and i hope these opinions help bring the school to a conclusion.
- If there is 3 schools on site, there will be less site for playing fields and 4G pitches like promised. Unless other sites are bought. If there is a new uniform they should be like the middle school jumpers as the current Astley jumpers are too thin. I also think that a new school is less accessible for a lot of people which would be a massive problem. I think it would be a bad idea to leave sluice out though as it would make more sense to have the full federation together. So this creates a bit of a predicament. I think the school would be a lot busier too which may cause many issues. I also feel as though the school may loose its ' small village feel '. Bigger schools may seem very corporate and loose the love and care smaller schools have. I also think the teachers should all be guaranteed a job in the new school as they all work very hard for this school and I'm sure they would love to see it flourish. I also think there should be more care and time taken about youth voice throughout the schools as it is very important and I feel there is not enough done about it currently.
- astley high school has been through families and families it shouldnt change their name its uniform could change but it should keep its name
- It is difficult to form an opinion on something I don't know enough about - I can't disclose my thoughts on things such as new names, uniforms and locations efficiently as I (and everyone else) are unaware of the specifics. I can't say whether I agree on these things as we haven't been told the location of the site — my thoughts may differ depending on this.
- i dont think its good cause you might not know where it is
- I don't want the schools to change but i really want the new facilities.
- I think it is a good idea for friends to see each other and it will be bigger.
- i think it is a good idea because it will be one big school and there will be very good facilities
- I think no as there would be no middle school in Seaton sluice, also i think 2 smaller schools would be a better idea then one big school. I think alot of people are also used to there middle school . It would be good to get better facilities but I think that 2 small middle schools are better than one. I definetely will be upset it it becomes one big middle school.
- I think this plan is a bad idea because it will change a lot more than the schools.
- I would be upset losing Seaton sluice middle school as my family has always gone here even though it wouldn't affect us it will be sad for the next generation that live in Seaton sluice not being able to walk to school.
- I think it is a very good idea but it might not be so good for other people that live in Whitley bay and other places that are far away from there.
- There will be new food so that's good.

- I think it'll be a bit strange for people who live in Seaton Sluice to go on the bus from there to the new school because it is something that we are not used to and something that we will have to get used to. But in general I think it is a good idea because SSMS is a old school like the other schools that might be getting shut down. So in my opinion i think its a good idea.
- If you have siblings it can be easier
- Helps the sluice students get a grip of the layout of the school they will go in afterwards.
- Put them on seperate sites and call it seaton sluice because it would be cool
- I think it will be too big of a change from a small first school to a big middle school with 2x the amount of people
- have the big middle on one site and keep astley on the site its on
- i think they should keep astley badge and combine the whytrig and ssms badge together and call the new middle school seaton valley middle school
- It will be a big change for the younger ones because they might have older brothers and sisters that used to go not the middle school and know what to expect.
- What will the names be? Hope it works out!
- i don't think it will be a good idea because there will be kids from Seaton sluice first school that will have to go and get the bus before 8 in the morning they will only be 9 years old and they wouldn't of had any practise from the first school because Seaton sluice first school is right near them and if they need to go the new school then they might be scared
- it wont effect me but i dont think its a good idea because i like this school and been in it for 4 years and its an amazing school and good for people to go to but pupils in the seaton sluice first school will have to get the bus at 9-10 years old.
- i think it would be too soon for people in year 5 to have class of 100 people and to get the bus to school.
- i dont think it is a good idea because it might make people travel further and it will be a bigger school so the younger pupils will be more nervous
- i think it is a good idea to build a new school for whytrig and astley just not to join seaton sluice aswell because it is just more hassle for students to attend
- i think it is a good idea having the 3 schools together although people who live in seaton sluice would have to travel and there would not be a school close to seaton sluice. the uniform idea is good. the new name will be good as it will be a brand new school.
- I think it is a bad idea because the teachers wont be able to give individual attention like they currently can.
- I think that it is a good and bad idea because some of the people that live around here will need to now get the bus to go to school and then the place where Seaton Sluice Middle School is now will then become a building sight. I also got a leaflet that said that the people around the school don't like people in the school morning coming to school so early in the morning, they also said that they don't want it to become building sight. its like they don't like it either way but if it was to become a building sight then that would only be for a short time. on the other hand I think that it will be a good idea because it would be like a fresh start and it would be a brand new building. all of the facilities would be new and all of the classrooms. I think that the schools being knocked down will affect the people in year 5 6 7 and the new year fives coming in the new year. i would just like to know if you know how big the new schools will be? sorry if this is not what you mean. :-)
- I would not want the school to move because I like it where it is and I also like the uniform.
- i dont want it to happen cause i like being near the beach and people from whtrig be mean to me.
- In my opinion i would not like to do this because of no busses and one student has a problem with me inwytrig

- I think it should go ahead
- do not do it
- I don't want this school to move as I like walking to school and I like this school and it would be silly to move it .
- i dont like the felling of this
- I think they should amalgamate both whytrig and sluice therefore each student at the federation has the same opportunities and facilities, people in sluice still have to catch a bus anyways.
- have all the uniforms the same but different badges for different years
- I think it's a good plan
- There needs to be lots of sports fields so people can go where they like
- facility's such as gyms, football pitches and swimming pools should be open to students after school
- The council should not build houses on the old seaton sluice middle school site
- The chewing gum under tables should be cleaned off when it develops because it is disgusting.
- Traffic issues may arise from this plan to amalgamate all three schools
- People may struggle to get children to school if busses aren't running and they're going to struggle if parents can't get them to school.
- It may be hard for students to travel to the school and it may be costly for the students.
- don't think all 3 should be on the same sight since it will be too busy and increase main road congestion
- change the uniforms
- No i think this is a very good idea!
- The children who go to Seaton Sluice Middle and live around there will have to get the public bus to school everyday which isn't only expensive but it's a big step, especially for year 5's. Their is also the historical past of Seaton Sluice Middle.
- Don't change the name of Astley
- Seaton Sluice pupils will not be able to walk to school and there will be lots more traffic around Seaton Deleval.
- I think that I is a good idea and i would like to see it happen soon.
- NO i think it is a good idea
- its a good idea.
- I think it would be a very good idea, the school will have all new facilities so it would be very good and children who live in Seaton Sluice can get a bus, so it won't really matter about he transport.
- i think it is a good idea to join schools although Seaton sluice pupils will have to travel from bus or car so it might be a problem for them and the school will be packed with the amount of people
- even though i will only attend the school for just a year i think its a good idea to open the new school to new facilities it will help students from both schools with better gcse scores as a result of better equipment bigger classrooms bigger scienc lab etc
- The bus thing. It shouldn't be an issue as sending a school bus around for them should be quite simple. Also why change the names of the high school? It's just being rebuilt. And people talk about astley high school. Most people won't know the school with a new name