

Acomb County First School

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Headteacher Mrs Angela Speed

Dear Parents,

Consultation in the West of Northumberland

I am writing to you regarding the Consultation that was published on Monday afternoon and wish to assure you that I and the staff and governors are determined to secure Acomb's future as either a first or primary school. We are forward thinking and outward looking.

Acomb is a school at the heart of a community and will always do what is best for the children of that community. We are rated Good by Ofsted in our recent inspection (January 2018) and are looking forward to continued and sustained success by offering children the very best care and educational standards. We also offer an 'Outstanding' nursery 'Little Oaks' Ofsted June 2016, a breakfast club, an after school club and Acomb baby and toddler group.

I wish to reassure you that this is a consultation and that no decisions are made at this stage. This is our opportunity to respond robustly and comprehensively to the consultation document both as a school community and as individuals. We need all parents to respond using the response form which is on line with the consultation and will be able to provide support to do so if you wish.

The governing body will be meeting in the next few days and we will arrange a meeting for parents. In the meantime please do not hesitate to speak to myself or any of the school governors, many of whom are parents.

I understand that this is potentially highly unsettling for parents and children. However I urge you to support our wonderful school and secure its future both by responding to the consultation and by working together as a proactive school community. We need to maintain and increase our number of pupils on role to ensure that we are in a robust position to go forward. Please access the consultation using this link if you have not done so already.

<http://www.northumberland.gov.uk/Education/Schools/Consultations.aspx>

Dates for your diary Public meetings

Monday 26/2/18 4pm-8pm Haydon Bridge High School

Saturday 17/3/18 10.00am -15.00pm Hexham Mart

I look forward to working with you all to secure a positive future for our children, the school and the community. Please do suggest ideas and supportive action that you can help with.

Yours faithfully,

Angela Speed Headteacher

Acomb First School Governing body 2017-18

Jane Wrigley	Co-Chair of Governors LA
Mary Wallace	Co-Chair of Governors Parent
Catherine Fergus	Vice-Chair of Governors Co-opted
Angela Speed	Headteacher
Anna Gray	Staff
Ivor Knox	Co-opted
Kate Massey	Parent
Julie Armstrong-Gregson	Co-opted
Louise Phillipson	Parent
Mike Fabricius	Parent
Amanda Earnshaw	Co-opted