

The logo is a circular emblem with a light blue background. It features a central white cross. The words "CORBRIDGE" and "FIRST SCHOOL" are written in a yellow, stylized, gothic-style font, curving around the top and bottom of the cross respectively. The text "Corbridge Church of England" and "First School" is overlaid in black on the top half of the emblem.

Corbridge Church of England First School

Consultation Meeting
Thursday 15 March 2018

Welcome!

5:30pm Tea and Coffee and refreshments

Consultation documents on tables

6pm Outline of Proposals from NCC and HLT

Andrew Neal – CFS Chair of Governors

6:10pm What does this mean for our children – their journey

Jennifer Ainsley – CFS Head Teacher

6:20pm Corbridge Schools' Responses – The strength in our partnerships

6:50pm Consultation Timelines – What you can do next?

7pm – Open Questions

We will be available until 7:30pm to respond to one to one questions.

Outline of proposals

Andrew Neal Chair of Governors

- Hadrian Learning Trust
 - Proposal 1
 - Proposal 2
- Northumberland County Council
 - Model A
 - Model B
 - Model C

Outline of proposals

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Hadrian Learning Trust

Proposal 1

Age range change, amalgamation and expansion to create an 11-18 Secondary School from September 2021.

- HMS would close on 31 August 2021
- QEHS would expand from 1 September 2021 (to include Years 7 and 8, approximately 1850 students)
- Changes would be linked to the re-organisation of other schools, being led by the NCC Consultation
- Change would require approval of a business case by the Regional Schools Commissioner (RSC) / Department for Education (DfE)

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Proposal 2

Expansion to provide places for children from the Haydon Bridge Partnership from September 2019, if a decision is made to close Haydon Bridge High School.

- *NCC and the DfE will make the decision if HBHS closes.*
- *In September 2019 pupils would be given places in QEHS and Hexham Middle School*
- *From September 2021 QEHS would provide places for all pupils (Age 11 – 18) in new buildings – creating a school in need of over 2200 places.*
- *Capital investment would be needed.*
- *Careful transition planning would be necessary.*
- **Change would require approval of a business case by the Regional Schools Commissioner (RSC) / Department for Education (DfE)**

Outline of proposals

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Northumberland County Council (NCC) Consultation

Model A

Maintain existing hybrid model: 3 tier Hexham, 2 and 3 tier Haydon Bridge but close HBHS.

Three Tier remains in the Hexham Partnership - We remain a First School.

- Years 7 & 8 from Haydon Bridge partnership feed into HMS
- Close 9/32 schools
 - HBHS - close on 31st August 2019
 - 8 first/primary schools - close on 31st August 2019
- QEHS becomes 11.6 form entry - 350 pupils per year, 1550 capacity
- HMS becomes 7 form entry at year 7, - 150 pupils per year in years 5 & 6,
 - 210 pupils per year in years 7 & 8
 - 720 capacity

“HMS and QEHS might relocate or expand existing buildings, either on one of the existing schools’ current sites or to another new site”

Temporary accommodation provided from Sept 2019 until new build on new site in Hexham is completed Sept 2022

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Model B

Change to 2 tier system of primaries and one secondary school.

Two Tier begins from September 2019. We become a Primary School.

- Close 14/32 schools
 - HBHS, close on 31st August 2019
 - 5 middle schools, no year 5 from Sept 2019 - close 31st Aug 2020
 - 8 first/primary schools - close on 31st August 2019

“HMS and QEHS might relocate or expand existing buildings, either on one of the existing schools’ current sites or to another new site”

Temporary accommodation provided from Sept 2019 until new build on new site in Hexham is completed Sept 2022

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Model C

Hybrid model: 3 tier Hexham, 2 tier Haydon Bridge with an “all through” age 3-16 school in Haydon Bridge

Three Tier remains in the Hexham Partnership - We remain a First School.

- Close 10/32 schools
 - 2 middle schools, no year 5 from Sept 2019 - close 31st Aug 2020
 - 8 first/primary schools, close on 31st August 2019

“An all through 9-18 campus would be established through the co-location of QEHS and HMS. It would be proposed that the two schools would relocate to new buildings on the site of the existing buildings or a new site.”

New build for an age 9 -18 QEHS by Sept 2022

What does this mean for our children?

Journey for our current Year Four children:

Model A and C retain the three tier structure and would have no change to the children's current journey.

Date	School year	Model B (2-tier - close middle schools)
Sept 2018	5	Move from CFS to middle school with the school at full capacity.
Sept 2019	6	Complete Year 6 at middle school with only years 6,7and 8 in school.
Sept 2020	7	Complete Year 7 at middle school with only years 7and 8 in school.
Sept 2021	8	Middle schools Close Complete year 8 as part of QEHS Secondary School. (Middle school site? / or temp accommodation?)
Sept 2022	9	Move to the new buildings as part of the HLT Secondary School (year 7 – 13) 350 pupils per year 2250 pupils in school.

What does this mean for our children?

Journey for our current Year Three children:

Model A and C retain the three tier structure and would have no change to the children's current journey.

Date	School year	Model B (2-tier - close middle schools)
Sept 2018	4	No change
Sept 2019	5	School becomes a Primary Remain at Corbridge Church of England Primary School as the first Year 5 cohort.
Sept 2020	6	Remain at Corbridge Church of England Primary School as the first Year 6 cohort.
Sept 2021	7	Middle schools Close Complete year 8 as part of QEHS Secondary School. (Middle school site? / or temp accommodation?)
Sept 2022	8	Move to the new buildings as part of the HLT Secondary school (year 7 – 13) 350 pupils per year 2250 pupils in school.

What does this mean for our children?

Journey for our current Year Two children (and subsequent years):

Model A and C retain the three tier structure and would have no change to the children's current journey.

Date	School year	Model B (2-tier - close middle schools)
Sept 2018	3	No change
Sept 2019	4	School becomes a Primary so a Year 5 class opens in school.
Sept 2020	5	Remain at Corbridge Church of England Primary School – Year 5 and 6 classes now open.
Sept 2021	6	Remain at Corbridge Church of England Primary School – Year 5 and 6 classes now open.
Sept 2022	7	Move to the new buildings as part of the HLT Secondary school (year 7 – 13) 350 pupils per year 2250 pupils in school.

<http://www.corbridgemiddle.co.uk/ewc.html> - information for current Y5 – 8 pupils

Our Response – Andrew Neal

NCC Consultation

In response to all three models A, B and C we do not believe any are *“a good option for securing sustainable and viable education in the West of Northumberland.”*

- *Loss of successful partnerships*
- *Impact for our children*
- *Closure of good and outstanding schools*
- *Closure of financially viable schools*
- *Impact on rural villages and communities*
- *Impact of increased travel for children*
- *Potential reduction in providing a “broad and balanced curriculum”*
- *Lack of choice*
- *2,250 (approx) pupils education in the hands of one organisation*
- *Lack of clear plan or vision – curriculum?*
- *Lack of long term thinking related to new housing projects*
- *Lack of any financial modelling*

Our Response – Andrew Neal

NCC Consultation - *Alternative proposals*

There is not a simple solution. This is a complex situation. There are many different challenges facing the range of schools in the West.

All school management and leadership in our partnerships are dedicated to ensuring the best for our children. Building on and formalising the current partnerships we believe a viable, long term solution which addresses the individual challenges can be implemented.

We are not currently in the position to forward a well researched financially viable solution. We are actively working within the partnership to develop long term proposals which will have the interest of the children in the centre of all we do. There are a number of options to explore which needs time.

Our Response

Hadrian Learning Trust Consultation

- 1. At this stage we do not feel changing the age range in Hexham would enhance or improve the education for our children.*

We believe the HLT would be irresponsible to undertake a change in its age range without seeking a partnership solution in collaboration with all Head Teachers and Governing Bodies within our partnership. The view to move forward with a monumental change must consider many factors. We see no financial planning or evidence that a proposed restructure, with all the implications for current good and outstanding schools, would lead to an exciting innovative solution to future education in the West of Northumberland.

Our Response

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2. All pupils deserve access to high quality education and a broad curriculum. If the HBHS is closed, alternative high quality school places must be found for all pupils.

We believe the Hadrian Learning Trust should work in partnership to find a solution to creating high quality school places. Our concern is that the Hadrian Learning Trust intend to place conditions on their provision of school places, in order to fulfil their personal vision of a two tier education and a “Super School” in Hexham, without considering wider implications of the impact on the education provision for First / middle schools.



Corbridge
Middle School

Education in the West

‘I have a dream’

Consultation Timeline

Hadrian Learning Trust Consultation

[Consultation Document](#)

[Consultation Summary](#)

[Response form](#)

Closing date: 29 March 2018

Northumberland County Council Consultation

[Consultation Document](#)

[Simplified version of the proposals](#)

[Response form](#)

Closing date: 9 April 2018

Open Event – Hexham Mart – Saturday 17 March 2018

10am – 3pm

Hadrian Learning Trust – General Drop in Monday 19 March 2018

6 – 7:30pm, school hall at QEHS

Questions