

Rawthorpe Learning Campus: 0-16+ 'Success for All'**CONFIDENTIAL****Draft Consultation Paper on the development of Rawthorpe High School as an all-through school serving the age range 0-16+.****Contents**

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1. Introduction.

This paper outlines a proposal for the future development of education provision on the Rawthorpe High School campus through the creation of a 0-16+ 'all-through' school which will provide the following:

- A centre of educational excellence
- A centre of Community Pride;
- Library and training facilities for the community;
- Health facilities open to the community;
- Creche care;
- Before and after school care;
- Adult education.

This option for change is driven by the desire to:

- Further raise educational standards;
- Improve the quality of educational provision and community services;
- Diversify the pattern of educational provision;
- Better meet parental demand and preferences for schools and school places in the area.

2. Background

2.1 Stage One Consultation : February - March 2007

Kirklees LA consulted on options for the future of Rawthorpe High School as the first in a two stage consultation process. The review was undertaken to address concerns about the future viability of Rawthorpe High School in the context of low pupil numbers on roll and a high level surplus capacity at the school. A detailed consultation paper provided contextual information about Rawthorpe High School including standards data, observations on the school from the last Ofsted inspection and a range of school place planning data.

A report on the outcome of the stage one consultation exercise was considered by Members on 25th April. Of the 7 options put forward for consideration on the best way forward for Rawthorpe High School, there was majority support for option 4:

'Develop Rawthorpe High School as part of a 0-16 full service extended provision which also incorporates Rawthorpe Junior School and Rawthorpe St James CE(VC) Infant & Nursery School'.

2.2 Stage Two Consultation.

Based on the feedback received from the stage one consultation, more detailed work has been done of this specific proposal. The second stage formal consultation will enable a decision to be taken on whether to publish statutory notices to legally make this change.

The LA is now formally consulting with stakeholders and interested parties on the development of the Rawthorpe schools into the "all-through" Rawthorpe Learning Campus to serve the age range 0-16+.

3. Key Factors to Consider

3.1 Educational Achievement

The proposed “all-through” Rawthorpe Learning Campus: 0-16+ will help to further raise standards and achievement for all pupils by:

- focusing on raising attainment at all ages by promoting a seamless transition between phases;
- reinforcing continuity in the curriculum and progression in learning;
- removing the nationally well-documented weaknesses associated with transfer between schools;
- reducing any possible anxiety of transfer between schools as most children would simply move around the site;
- establishing a strong community ethos for learning to support a wide range of common frameworks for effective learning e.g. literacy and numeracy, assessment, Special Educational Needs, gifted and talented pupils, pastoral care and personal and social development;
- making available specialist facilities for sports, science, music and art to pupils of all ages rather than just secondary age;
- providing specialist teachers to pupils of all ages to challenge and “stretch” their abilities;
- creating a large and flexible staff with a wide range of skills to ensure pupils receive an education appropriate to their needs;
- managing pupils’ progression from one class teacher to single subject teaching at an appropriate pace.

Opportunities created by the shared physical and human resources, underpinned by the existing excellent working relationships would create a powerful engine for change both educationally and within the community;

- The school would develop a community learning ethos;
- There will be many opportunities for adult learning and vocational courses.

3.2 Voluntary Controlled Status : The Wakefield Diocese

Rawthorpe St James CE(VC) Infant and Nursery School is a Church of England Voluntary Controlled School. This means that the Church owns the school buildings and appoints Foundation Governors. Kirklees LA sets the admissions policy and employs staff.

The Diocese of Wakefield has a good working relationship with Kirklees LA and a strong commitment to working with the Rawthorpe community. The Diocese wishes to maintain and further develop involvement with the Rawthorpe schools and has proposed that a new 0-16+ Rawthorpe Learning Campus should have controlled status.

3.3 How will the different age groups of pupils be organised in the Rawthorpe Learning Campus: 0-16+?

- There will continue to be separate areas and supervision for different age pupils, particularly at play time and lesson changes. School sessions may vary for the younger pupils.
- Although it is not the intention to mix all the age groups of children together, there would be opportunities for mixed age groups of pupils to work together on particular learning programmes.

3.4 Admission Arrangements.

All parents in the Rawthorpe community will be able to access a place at the new 0-16+ school.
Most pupils attending the school would start in the Reception class aged 4+ and move through the school to 16+ without completing any further transfer forms.

Rawthorpe High School currently receives pupils from Dalton Primary School and Moldgreen Community Primary School. The Rawthorpe Learning Campus 0-16+ would wish to continue and extend the positive relationships with these two local schools and continue to welcome their pupils into year 7 at age 11.

3.5 Key Stage 4 Curriculum.

- The learning campus will continue to collaborate with local schools, colleges and other providers to further develop 14-16 curriculum arrangements to provide the breadth of opportunities and meet the range of students needs at key stage 4.

3.6 Commitment to the community and working in partnership.

The three Rawthorpe Schools currently work together as part of a formal federation and this proposal builds on the strengths of all three schools and the existing well-developed collaborative arrangements;

All the schools have a strong commitment to the community they serve;

- Rawthorpe High is a successful, full service extended school offering a range of enhanced activities and services in the wider community. The growth of this provision in a 0-16+ setting could make further positive contributions to community regeneration and development in terms of lifelong learning opportunities, improved relationships with parents and carers, effective engagement with support agencies and access to a wider range of community facilities;

- The strong, all-through community focus could contribute to renewed community confidence and identity;
- There will be opportunities to co-locate a range of relevant community services e.g. GP and/or Library provision alongside other co-located services as appropriate on the Rawthorpe site;
- The LA will continue to work with early years in the community and further develop this provision;
- The LA wishes to build on this commitment to partnership to provide even better educational and community facilities fit for the 21st century;

3.7 Location.

- All three schools are located close together along the same road and on the same campus;
- The schools are well sited within their communities and would continue to meet the educational and wider needs of the local community.

3.8 Finance and Efficiency

- A 0-16+ “all-through” learning campus will help to address issues of surplus school places at the high school and high fixed costs by sharing physical and human resources.
- A single “all-through” 0-16+ campus would not receive the 3 separate “block grant” payments that the separate schools currently receive through the Kirklees funding formula. In addition, the larger sized 0-16+ campus would no longer qualify for small schools protection funding. In total the 0-16+ campus would receive approximately £50,000 less funding per year (at 2007 prices). This reduction would be phased over a 3-year period and should be balanced by efficiency savings.

- The funding for teaching staff and learning support staff depends on the number of pupils on roll. The Rawthorpe Learning Campus : 0-16+ proposal is intended to re-vitalise the provision and increase the number of pupils at the campus.
- The 0-16+ proposal is intended to use administrative and leadership resources more efficiently.

3.9 Buildings and Facilities Management

- All three schools are part of the Kirklees Public Private Partnership and, therefore, there will be contractual implications which the Local Authority will manage on behalf of the schools.
- Creating the “all-through” learning campus will not have any immediate capital implications or need for building development.
- Capital investment in the secondary section of the accommodation would be considered in the south Kirklees phase of the Building Schools for the Future programme, planned to start in 2014/15. Any primary investment would come through the parallel Primary Capital Programme.
- There may be scope to consider rationalisation of accommodation in the future, but this will not be the immediate priority.

4. Transition Arrangements.

The proposed starting date for the new Rawthorpe Learning Campus is September 2008. The senior staff of the three Rawthorpe Schools will work in close partnership with LA officers on detailed planning to ensure that change occurs smoothly for pupils, parents and staff. The LA will make available resources to support this process

4.1 Pupils

- Pupils are unlikely to notice any immediate difference in their daily routines.
- Parents, pupils and the community will be kept well-informed of new developments.
- The staff and the LA will work together to ensure that changes will not disturb children’s education.

4.2 Staff

- Kirklees has an agreed protocol for working with staff when planning changes to school organisation, which has worked successfully in the past.
- A new staffing structure will be developed for the new learning campus and this should be phased in over a 3-year transition period.
- A staff-officer working party will ensure that staff are fully involved and consulted about proposed changes. Local professional association officers will be fully involved in this process.

4.3 The Governing Body

- A new single Governing Body will be formed from the present three Governing Bodies.

5. Next Steps and Timescale

Consultation and Decision-Making Timetable	
Stage 2 Formal Public Consultation Proposal to create Rawthorpe Learning Campus: 0-16+	Monday 17 th September to Friday 2 nd November 2007
Report to Kirklees Cabinet for Decision <ul style="list-style-type: none"> outcome of the stage 2 consultation possible recommendation to publish statutory notices to create the "all-through" Learning Campus 	December 2007
Publication of Statutory Notices (6 weeks)	January - February 2008
Decision by Kirklees Cabinet at the end of the Statutory Notice period. <i>If there are formal objections to the statutory notice the decision on whether or not to implement the proposal would be referred to the "Schools Adjudicator"</i>	March 2008
Proposed starting date for the 0-16+ 'all-through' Rawthorpe Learning Campus	September 2008

It is important to note that the final decision has not been taken on the proposal for change outlined in this consultation paper.

Kirklees Council Cabinet Members will receive a report on the outcome of the formal consultation and consider all the comments and views before deciding whether or not to implement the proposal.

Stage 2 Consultation

Monday 17th September – Friday 2nd November 07

We want to hear your questions, comments and views on the proposal to establish a 0-16 'all-through' school on the Rawthorpe Campus.

Public consultation meetings have been arranged to give you the opportunity to come and find out more. Kirklees officers will be available to answer your questions and hear your comments face to face.

<i>Date of Public Meeting</i>	Time	School / Venue
Tuesday 25 September	3.30 pm	Rawthorpe St.James CE(VC) Infant & Nursery School
Thursday 27 September	6.00pm	Rawthorpe High School

We will advertise these meetings in the local press and on the Kirklees website.

You are welcome to attend either of the meetings. There will be a short presentation at the start of each meeting, followed by the opportunity to discuss the proposal and ask questions.

We will arrange further consultation meetings for staff and governors.

We would also welcome hearing from you in writing. Please send your comments:

- by post to Barbara Challenger/Warwick Firmin, on behalf of Alison O'Sullivan, Director for Children and Young People, at Oldgate House, 2 Oldgate, Huddersfield, HD1 6QW
- by email to research@kirklees.gov.uk
- by handing it to the head of your local school

You can also comment on the proposal through the Kirklees Consultation website at www.kirklees.gov.uk.