

## NORTH YORKSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

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### STATEMENT OF EDUCATION & SKILLS PORTFOLIO HOLDER

#### **Strategic Plan for SEND Education Provision 0-25**

The annual review of the Strategic Plan for 2018-2019 has taken place. This review shows good progress towards the actions in the plan and can be found at <https://www.northyorks.gov.uk/send-specialist-support-and-inclusion>.

Work continues to progress to implement the Strategic Plan. This includes:

- Development of the new model of targeted mainstream provision
- Development of the new locality boards with boards established in Selby, Scarborough and Hambleton/Richmondshire.
- The opening of Mowbray School (Ripon) in January 2020.
- Final stages of the assessment of applications from groups wishing to open and operate the proposed free school in the Selby area, and work with the DfE on the proposed school.

We are now scoping the work in phase 2 of the Strategic Plan which will focus on the following areas:

- Early years provision
- Commissioning additional targeted provision
- Capital funding to support the Strategic Plan
- Joint commissioning of services and provision for children and young people with SEND.

#### **School funding**

Schools in North Yorkshire will benefit from:

- a minimum protection of a +1.84% increase in funding as part of the school funding settlement for 2020-21;
- no funding transfer from Schools Block to High Needs Block, and;
- each primary school will receive the mandatory minimum £3,750 per pupil and each secondary school will receive the mandatory minimum £5,000 per pupil.

We remain concerned about schools who continue to experience financial pressures and challenges. In December, there appeared to be an incremental and positive step forward which reflects our continued lobbying about the underfunding of small and rural schools. The government acknowledged that "...there is a case for providing further support for small schools, including those in remote areas. [DfE] will therefore consider ways to ensure that the NFF better supports these schools from 2021-22". We welcome this development and look forward to engaging with the Department for Education to secure a fairer funding deal for North Yorkshire's pupils and schools.

#### **School organisation changes**

Clapham CE VE Primary School – Consultation is now underway on a proposal to cease to maintain the School with effect from 31 August 2020. The consultation period closes on

28 February. The Executive is then scheduled to consider the responses on 24 March and determine whether to proceed with the statutory notice stage.

St Hilda's RC Primary School, Whitby – At the time of writing this briefing, I am to be asked on 11 February to approve consultation on a proposal to cease to maintain the School with effect from 31 August 2020. If approved the consultation is expected to run between 24 February and 6 April.

### **School Ofsted Inspections**

In North Yorkshire 81.8% of pupils attend a primary school which is judged as good or outstanding. This is similar to the Yorkshire and Humberside region (81.7%). At secondary 79.9% of pupils attend a school which is judged as good or outstanding. This is above the Yorkshire and Humberside region (72.0%).

In North Yorkshire there are currently 19 schools judged inadequate. Of these there are 14 primary schools (4.5% of primary schools), 4 secondary schools (9% of secondary schools) and 1 special school (10% of special schools).

### **North Yorkshire Coast Opportunity Area Programme**

The North Yorkshire Coast Opportunity Area Programme is a £6million scheme focussed on improving social mobility in Scarborough, Whitby and Filey. Since 2017, the programme has funded a large number of projects with the highest levels of investment being in recruiting and keeping teachers, helping secondary schools to achieve the highest outcomes for pupils and boosting literacy skills. The programme was due to end in August 2020 but a twelve month extension was announced by the Department for Education in November 2019. We will work with the DfE to make sure that this programme continues to help improve social mobility across the coast.

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