

NORTH YORKSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

SCRUTINY COMMITTEE: CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE'S SERVICE

15 April 2011

Report of the Corporate Director - Children and Young People's Service

Secondary School Provision in Scarborough

1.0 PURPOSE OF REPORT

To inform the Scrutiny Committee of the decision-making and consultation process undertaken in respect of proposed changes to secondary school provision in Scarborough.

2.0 BACKGROUND

2.1 The Governing Body of the Graham Raincliffe Federation has approached the Local Authority and requested that the Local Authority consult on a proposal to bring the two schools together. The schools consider that the merging of the two schools would allow the most effective use of resources for all children, simplify the admissions process for parents and represent the logical next step in the school's journey towards ever greater collaboration.

2.2 There are a number of reasons why the authority supports the proposal in principle and has agreed to consult on it. These are laid out in detail in the report to Executive Members on 4 March 2011 (**Appendix 1**).

3.0 PROCESS

Any review of schools provision is a highly sensitive and complex undertaking. There is DfE guidance which must be adhered to, and statutory processes that must be carried out. For the purpose of this report, the following stages are rehearsed:

- Initial investigations
- Public consultation
- Statutory processes

4.0 INITIAL INVESTIGATIONS

4.1 Discussions about secondary school provision in Scarborough have been taking place over a number of years with headteachers and governing bodies in the area, based principally on the issue of how best to maintain and improve educational standards in the face of diminishing pupil numbers.

4.2 In 2008, after consultation with the community, the Governing Bodies of Graham and Raincliffe schools decided to form a hard federation. This meant that the two schools continued to exist as separate institutions, but were led by an Executive Headteacher and a single Federation Governing Body. This federation came into effect in September 2009.

- 4.3 In late 2010, the schools approached the Local Authority for discussion regarding their proposed next step in the federation, that is, a move to one school. Further work was carried out subsequently by the Local Authority around pupil numbers, educational standards, school admissions and resources.
- 4.4 Executive Members considered a report on 4 March (Appendix 1) and agreed that consultation should take place regarding the reorganisation of secondary school provision in Scarborough. The proposal, which is out to consultation, is that a single enlarged Graham School is created, and that Raincliffe School would cease to exist as a separate school. The single school would continue to operate across both school sites in the short and medium term.

5.0 PUBLIC CONSULTATION

- 5.1 A consultation document was prepared. This is attached as **Appendix 2**. It was given wide circulation in the area, including:

- Parents at Graham School, Raincliffe School and 'feeder' primary schools in the area
- Governing Bodies of local schools and colleges
- Staff at Graham School and Raincliffe School, and other local secondary schools
- Staff associations and trade unions.
- All local County Councillors
- Local Parish Councils
- Scarborough Borough Council
- The Young People's Learning Agency
- The local Member of Parliament

The consultation document is also available on the North Yorkshire County Council website.

- 5.2 The consultation period opened on 14 March and will end on 2 May.
- 5.3 Two public meetings took place at Raincliffe School and Graham School on 28 and 29 March respectively.
- 5.4 The public have been encouraged to respond to the consultation document, either on-line or in hard copy.
- 5.5 A website was established which included the consultation document and a set of FAQs (frequently asked questions).

6.0 NEXT STEPS

- 6.1 Consultation continues until 2 May.
- 6.2 The next step is for the Executive to consider the outcomes of the consultation. They are scheduled to do this on 14 June 2011. The options available to them are that they may decide not to proceed, to amend the proposal, or to proceed to publish statutory notices for changes to school provision in Scarborough.

6.3 If statutory notices are published, this in effect provides a further six week period for the public to express their views, with the Executive taking a final decision in the light of that in September 2011.

7.0 RECOMMENDATION

That the report be noted.

Cynthia Welbourn
Corporate Director for the Children and Young People's Service
1 April 2011

Report compiled Fiona Campbell,, Strategic Planning Manager

NORTH YORKSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

CHILDREN & YOUNG PEOPLE'S SERVICE

CORPORATE DIRECTOR'S MEETING WITH EXECUTIVE MEMBERS

4 MARCH 2011

SECONDARY SCHOOL PROVISION IN SCARBOROUGH

1.0 PURPOSE OF REPORT

To seek approval to consult on a reorganisation of secondary school provision in Scarborough.

2.0 BACKGROUND

2.1 Graham School and Raincliffe School are Community schools which are located on adjoining sites in Scarborough. The schools have been federated since September 2009.

2.2 The Federation Governing Body agreed on 14th February 2011 to ask the Local Authority to consult on a proposal to enable the two schools to become a single school with effect from 1 September 2012. This would be achieved by the simultaneous process of significant enlargement of Graham School and closure of Raincliffe as a separate school from 31st August 2012. The Governing Body has made the request in the best interests of current and future pupils because they are satisfied that becoming one school would make it simpler to build on the good start made by the Federation. They recognise the potential benefits of a single organisation, a completely unified improvement strategy and more concentrated use of resources by avoiding duplication. The two schools already serve a shared admissions area covering most of central Scarborough and parts of the surrounding rural area. The proposed change proposed would result in the same area being served by Graham School, as significantly enlarged, in future

2.3 The number on roll at Raincliffe School is 326, which is well below its capacity of 865 places.

2.4 Raincliffe School is a much smaller than average secondary school. The proportion of students who have statements of special educational needs and/or disabilities is in line with the national average. The proportion of students with special educational needs is higher than average, as is the proportion of students eligible for free school meals. Students entering or leaving the school between Year 7 and Year 11 is higher than average.

2.5 Achievement at Raincliffe School has improved significantly in the past three years, although the small cohort and individual needs of many of the students means that results are vulnerable to fluctuation. In 2010, the progress of pupils as measured by the contextual value added (CVA) put Raincliffe in the top 12% of schools nationally for children's progress. Attainment has also risen significantly. However, despite this trend of improvement, it is recognised that the size and profile of the pupil cohort may make it difficult to sustain. Full incorporation with Graham School, which is larger and stronger, and with which an extremely

constructive partnership has already been developed, would offer better prospects of maintaining improvement for the full range of pupils. The Governors of the Federation have been considering the position with officers of the Authority for some time and have reached their decision in a measured way. It is helpful that there have been these proactive discussions over time. By working together, the two schools and the Authority are potentially well placed with a strategy for sustaining improvement against a national background of rising floor targets for secondary schools.

- 2.6 Graham School is a larger than average secondary school. The proportion of students eligible for free school meals is slightly lower than average. The percentages of students with special educational needs and/or disabilities, and with statements of special educational needs are both lower than average.
- 2.7 Achievement at Graham School has increased over the past three years as has attainment.

The background information above is summarised in Appendix 1.

3.0 CURRENT POSITION

3.1 Numbers on Roll

- 3.1.1 There are five secondary schools in Scarborough, with a total net capacity of 4621. The number of secondary school students in the area is currently 3804, which is expected to fall to 3560 in 2016/17 and to begin a slow increase thereafter. Currently there are 817 surplus secondary school places across Scarborough, of which over 500 are at Raincliffe.
- 3.1.2 Appendix 2 shows forecast information.
- 3.1.3 There are currently 1298 pupils on roll at Graham School, and 326 at Raincliffe School. The capacity at Raincliffe is 865 places. Numbers are forecast to be about 340 in 2014/15, and to rise slowly thereafter, but will not recover significantly in the longer term.

3.2 Admissions

- 3.2.1 The Published Admission Number for Graham School is 260 and for Raincliffe School is 173. The number of first preferences for Year 7 admissions in September 2011 is 242 for Graham School and 22 for Raincliffe School. It is anticipated that the number of Year 7 students allocated to Graham School will be 253 and to Raincliffe School will be 24 in September 2011. Final allocations will be determined on 1 March.
- 3.2.2 As indicated above, Graham and Raincliffe Schools serve a shared area which combines parts of Scarborough Town and the surrounding rural area. Graham School has been consistently popular for many years and, as a result, oversubscribed.

3.3 Standards

- 3.3.1 In Raincliffe School, achievement (the progress made by students from Key Stage 2 to Key Stage 4) over the past three years has increased. It is now in the top 12% of schools nationally as measured by contextual value added (CVA).

Attainment (the standard of pupils as measured by examination results) has also risen. However, as indicated above, further progress is more difficult in such a small and diverse school, and floor targets are rising nationally.

3.3.2 In Graham School, achievement (the progress made by students from Key Stage 2 to Key Stage 4) over the past three years has increased, as has attainment. The achievement of lower ability pupils and those with statements for SEN and/or disability is not significantly below the average, though they are lower than the achievement of other pupils in the schools.

3.3.3 Bringing the two schools together as one would enable the combined expertise of the staff to be deployed more efficiently for all pupils. It would allow the implementation of a single curriculum, timetable and management structure. These measures would make further improvement in standards more achievable and more practical to sustain.

3.4 Federation

3.4.1 Graham School and Raincliffe Schools have been federated since September 2009. The federation is led by an Executive Headteacher and two Associate Headteachers, each of which has responsibility for one school. The Associate Headteacher post at Graham School is vacant following a retirement.

3.4.2 The schools have a joint Federation Governing Body and work extremely closely together. Since September 2010 a number of staff have been deployed across both schools, including the appointment of federation Leaders of some subjects. Students at the schools have a common uniform. Year 7 students at both schools are taught as a single year group, pastorally based on the Graham School site, and spending one day of the week on the Raincliffe site. Year 10 pupils at both schools have a common option pool on two days each week, attending either site as appropriate.

3.5 Finance

	Raincliffe	Graham	County Average per pupil
Average Funding per pupil	£5,729	£4,030	£4,074
Forecast in-year budget position	-£9,900	£66,200	£3.74
Accumulated revenue budget position	£181,400	£197,500	£125.33

3.5.1 There are currently 22 of the 47 Secondary Schools forecasting in-year revenue budget deficits. The position ranges from an in-year surplus of £217.3k to an in-year deficit of £169.6k

3.5.2 Average funding per pupil in Secondary Schools ranges from £3,263 to £5,865. Raincliffe School currently receives the second highest funding per pupil in the County with Graham School ranked at twenty seventh out of forty seven.

4.0 PROPOSAL

- 4.1 The Federation Governing Body of Graham School and Raincliffe School has asked the Local Authority to consult on the reorganisation of those schools, They would like to bring those two schools together by the closure of Raincliffe School and expansion of Graham School. They see reorganisation as the next step in the evolution of the federation, which will allow the best use of resources and educational benefits for students.
- 4.2 Raincliffe School is judged by Ofsted to be 'satisfactory', with 'satisfactory' capacity for sustained improvement. Graham School is judged by Ofsted to be 'good', with 'good' capacity for sustained improvement. Graham School is larger, and is a very popular school. It seems appropriate, therefore, that the formation of a single school by enlarging Graham so that it could assimilate Raincliffe, which would be closed to enable this, is taken to consultation.
- 4.3 Theoretically, there is another technical option available. This would involve the closure of both schools and their amalgamation into a single new school. It does not appear to be the appropriate way forward, however, as it maximises disruption and uncertainty in circumstances in which it would be disproportionate. This would include a competition being held, and determined nationally, as to the type of school to be established. Given that Raincliffe and Graham Schools are already part of a well-established and effective Federation, there is no reasonable justification for introducing such a degree of uncertainty, nor such a protracted process, for pupils, parents and staff.
- 4.4 In the short and medium term, an enlarged Graham School would operate on both of the existing sites, which are adjacent. The Federation Governing Body is considering adopting a 'Lower School' and 'Upper School' model, with part of the former Raincliffe site housing Years 7 and 8 as a Lower School, and the Graham site housing Years 9, 10 and 11 as an Upper School. The development of a Lower School/Upper School model would enable better use of the sites, giving approximately 600 students accommodated on the Lower School (Raincliffe) site, and approximately 1000 students accommodated on the Upper School (Graham) site. This model would retain the 'small school' feel for younger children which is valued by some by families as a positive aspect of Raincliffe School. It is proposed that accommodation for the Lower School should be concentrated as far as possible on the ground floor of the Raincliffe main building, associated single storey buildings and the ROSLA block. This would help to ensure a good quality school environment and accessibility for mobility purposes. This would give an estimated net capacity on the Raincliffe site of 610.
- 4.5 In the longer term, as capital funding becomes available, it is anticipated that all students would relocate to an expanded Graham School site. Initial thinking is that the additional accommodation required to allow relocation to a single site would be planned to retain a Lower School/Upper School structure.
- 4.6 If the reorganisation were approved, the Local Authority would work closely with the schools to ensure a smooth transition for pupils and staff.

5.0 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

5.1 School revenue funding

- 5.1.1 As Members will be aware, there is some national uncertainty around school funding beyond 2011-2012. It is not possible to say with certainty what will the funding position for any school beyond 2012. Nonetheless, it is important to have

the best understanding possible about the comparative position for Graham and Raincliffe under Federated or single school status. On current financial forecasts, a single school would receive about £231K per annum less than a Federation. The Schools Forum agreed the principle of transitional funding for infant and junior schools amalgamating in January 2010. A further report proposing that the transitional funding arrangements be extended to two or more schools reducing to one school within an area will be presented to the March 2011 meeting of the Schools Forum. This would provide some assistance in the short term which would assist the school's transition. Beyond that, for the period in which the proposed school would be operating in two sets of premises, it is suggested that the Schools Forum be asked to support the allocation of a limited split site factor, though at a figure well below the budget saving. In this way, the schools budget would ultimately get the benefit of a net revenue saving, and the enlarged Graham school would have the benefit of greater efficiency with some limited transitional or split site support.

- 5.1.2 If approved by the Schools Forum the transitional funding arrangements would be paid to the school over a three year period based upon the difference between the two schools individual size related lump sums and the one school size related lump sum as follows: -

Based upon 2011-2012 financial year figures	Size Related Lump Sum	Year 1 Transition @ 100%	Year 2 Transition @ 67%	Year 3 Transition @33%
Raincliffe School	£265,540			
Graham School	£34,584			
Total of two schools	£300,124			
One School	£34,584			
Difference	£265,540	£265,540	£177,912	£87,628

The total saving over the three year period would amount to £693k this would be offset by the cost of the transitional arrangements of £531k giving a net saving to the Schools Block of £163k over the three year period.

The financial implications of the proposal are shown at Appendix 3.

5.2 Capital implications

- 5.2.1 There is a requirement for a physical link between the two sites to allow simple movement for staff and students. A feasibility study has been commissioned to explore a path.
- 5.2.2 There is likely to be a requirement for some adaptations to buildings on the Raincliffe site; to increase accessibility for students and staff with mobility difficulties, and to bring some currently de-commissioned toilets into use.

6.0 LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

- 6.1 The existing federation between Graham School and Raincliffe School would be dissolved in accordance with the School Governance (Federations) (England) Regulations 2007.
- 6.2 Changing the structure of school provision in Scarborough as proposed would require the publication of statutory notices to effect the closure of Raincliffe

School and the enlargement of Graham School in line with the Education and Inspections Act 2006 and the School Organisation Regulations 2007. The proposed timescale is laid out in Section 8.0 below.

7.0 CONCLUSIONS

The Federation Governing Body is in accord with the Local Authority that the best way forward would be for the two schools to become one through the closure of Raincliffe School into Graham School, and that the views of the public should be sought on this proposal.

8.0 PROPOSED TIMETABLE

Executive Member approval to consult	4 March 2011
Consultation opens	14 March 2011
Public meetings	28 and 29 March 2011
Consultation period ends	2 May 2011
Assessment of consultation outcomes/final proposal	May
Report to Executive Members on consultation responses	27 May 2011
Report to Executive	14 June 2011
Publication of Statutory Notices	24 June 2011
Report to Executive Members on representations	16 August 2011
Report to Executive on representations, determination	6 September 2011
Implementation	September 2012

9.0 RECOMMENDATIONS

- 9.1 That consultation on a proposed change in provision as set out in Section 4.0 above be approved.
- 9.2 That the Executive Member for Schools be delegated to approve the content of a consultation document.

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Report prepared by Fiona Campbell, Strategic Planning Officer
21 February 2010

Appendices

Appendix 1	Background Information
Appendix 2	Current and forecast pupil numbers on roll
Appendix 3	Financial implications

Financial implications of the Graham / Raincliffe proposals including proposed transitional arrangements based upon the 2011/2012 financial year

School Name	Total M/S Pupils	AWPU Funding	Inclusion Funding	Site Specific Funding	School Specific Funding	School Size Lump Sum	Sub Total Formula Allocation	Transitional Funding	M/S of grants plus inc Deleg	Net	Estimated Pupil Premium	Difference in SSLS	Proposed Transitional Funding			
										Total Formula Allocation			Year 1 SSRLS 100%	Year 2 SSRLS 67%	Year 3 SSRLS 33%	Year 4 SSRLS 0%
		£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
Graham School	1,299	4,102,156	776,867	335,817	57,384	34,584	5,306,808	-36,047	742,218	6,012,979	82,130					
Raincliffe School	326	1,021,265	392,542	253,510	29,818	265,540	1,962,675	-40,414	423,886	2,346,147	52,000					
	1,625	5,123,421	1,169,409	589,327	87,202	300,124	7,269,483	-76,461	1,166,104	8,359,126	134,130					
Enlarged Graham Sch	1,625	5,123,419	1,147,930	589,326	87,202	34,584	6,982,461	0	1,145,795	8,128,256	134,130					
Difference	0	-2	-21,479	-1	0	-265,540	-287,022	76,461	-20,309	-230,870	0	-265,540	265,540	177,912	87,628	0
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The proposed transitional arrangements total £531,080 over the three year period compared to estimated savings of £692,610 giving a net saving of £161,530																



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Appendix 2

Secondary School Provision in Scarborough

Public Consultation
14 March – 2 May 2011

The Governing Body of the Graham and Raincliffe Federation of schools has asked the Local Authority to consult on a proposal to bring the two schools together as a single school.

The Governing Body and Local Authority agree that this is the next step in the evolution of the Federation. It would provide educational benefits for students and would allow the best use of resources.

Graham and Raincliffe Schools have worked together in partnership in the Graham Raincliffe Federation since September 2009. This has been a successful partnership which has delivered an increased quality of provision to students at both schools. Working within a Federation has allowed the schools to work closely together. A move to one school would allow even better educational provision for children and young people in Scarborough.

It is proposed that a single, enlarged, Graham School is created and that Raincliffe School would cease to exist as a separate school.

The single school would continue to operate over both school sites in the short and medium term.

If this proposal is taken forward, the schools would become a single school in September 2012.

We need to be sure that new arrangements will allow for the **highest quality educational provision** for children and young people in the area. They must allow for **effective transition** as children move from one educational phase to another. They must **support strong governance and leadership** in schools. Schools need to be **sustainable** across the long term educationally, financially and environmentally, and must provide **stable** educational arrangements on which parents can depend and plan. Where possible we must also try to meet the **needs of the wider community** and help all professionals providing services to children to **work successfully together** as partners.

Please take time to look at the proposal we are putting forward, and then send us your views.

We look forward to hearing from you.

County Councillor John Watson,
Executive Member for Schools

Cynthia Welbourn, Corporate Director –
Children and Young People's Service

What are we proposing?

We are proposing that a single, enlarged, Graham School is created.

The single school would continue to operate over both school sites in the short and medium term. In the longer term, when capital is available, it is intended that all students would relocate to an expanded single school on an enlarged Graham School site.

The creation of a single school would be achieved by the closure of Raincliffe School and the expansion of Graham School.

If this proposal is taken forward, the schools would become a single school in September 2012.

Why are we proposing change now?

The Federation Governing Body of the Graham and Raincliffe Federation has asked the Local Authority to consult on the creation of a single school. The two schools have been working together in a Federation partnership since September 2009, and the Governing Body and Local Authority agree that the move to a single school is the best way forward but need to be certain that they understand the views of those who will be affected before any decision is made.

The current position

Graham School and Raincliffe School have been federated since September 2009. A federation is a structure laid out in law which allows two or more schools to work together very closely, led by a single federation governing body.

The Federation is led by an Executive Headteacher and has a joint Federation Governing Body, which allows the schools to work together in a formal partnership. Since September 2010 a number of staff have been deployed across both schools, including the appointment of Federation Leaders of some subjects.

Students at the schools have a common uniform. Year 7 students at both schools are taught as a single year group, pastorally based on the Graham School site, and spending one day of the week at Raincliffe School. Year 10 pupils at both schools have a common option pool, attending either school as appropriate for their curriculum choice for part of the week.

Pupil numbers

Across the five secondary schools in Scarborough there are 3800 secondary school students. This is expected to fall to around 3560 in 2016/17, increasing slowly thereafter. There are around 4620 secondary school places across Scarborough. This means that there are 820 surplus secondary school places at the moment. It is expected that there will continue to be a significant number of surplus places across the town.

The number of students attending Raincliffe School is 326, which is well below the capacity of the school. The number of students on roll at Raincliffe is not expected to rise significantly in the future.

In light of the current and forecast pupil numbers, Raincliffe School is not considered to be sustainable as a separate school, even as part of the Federation.

Admissions to school

Graham and Raincliffe Schools share the same catchment area, serving parts of the Scarborough town area, and some of the surrounding rural area. Historically, Graham School has been consistently popular and, as a result, oversubscribed.

The number of Year 7 students for September 2011 allocated to Graham School is 260 and to Raincliffe School is 34.

The move to a single school would simplify the admissions process for parents. Graham School is a popular school, and so enlarging the school could lead to more parents receiving a place for their child at their preferred school.

Educational standards

Raincliffe School is a much smaller than average secondary school. The proportion of students who have statements of special educational needs and/or disabilities is in line with the national average, the proportion of students with all special educational needs is higher than average. The proportion of students eligible for free school meals is higher than average.

Achievement (the progress made by students from Key Stage 2 to Key Stage 4) at Raincliffe School has increased over the past three years, although the small cohort and individual needs of many of the students means that results are likely to fluctuate. The Contextual Value Added score for Raincliffe School for 2010 is 1023.3. This means that achievement is above the national average of 1000.

Attainment (the standard of pupils as measured by examination results) has also risen significantly. 79% of pupils at Raincliffe School achieved 5 or more A*-C at GCSE and equivalent in 2010. However, despite this trend of improvement, further progress is difficult in such a small school, and floor targets are rising nationally.

Raincliffe School is judged by Ofsted to be 'satisfactory', with 'satisfactory' capacity for sustained improvement.

Graham School is a larger than average secondary school. The proportion of students eligible for free school meals is slightly lower than average. The percentages of students with special educational needs and/or disabilities, and with statements of special educational needs are both lower than average.

Achievement at Graham School has increased over the past three years as has attainment. The Contextual Value Added score for Graham School for 2010 is 1001.4. This means that achievement is above the national average of 1000.

80% of Graham School pupils achieved 5 or more A*-C at GCSE and equivalent in 2010.

Graham School is judged by Ofsted to be 'good', with 'good' capacity for sustained improvement.

Resources

A change to a single school would allow better use of resources.

Small schools have relatively high costs, particularly around staffing and premises, and students can be educated to a high standard, more economically, in a larger school which has a larger staff group to draw upon and greater resources that can be used more flexibly. The proposal that we are making would represent a better use of scarce resources than the current position.

Since September 2010, a number of staff have been deployed across both schools. The change to a single school would enable a single staffing and management structure, curriculum, and timetable to be implemented for the benefit of all students.

Graham School is at capacity, with 1298 students on roll and net capacity of 1300. Raincliffe School has space to accommodate more students on its site, with 326 students on roll and a net capacity of 865. The proposal is that there would be an enlarged Graham School working across an expanded campus. The lower school, on the current Raincliffe School site, would accommodate around 600 students. The upper school, on the current Graham School site, would accommodate around 1000 students. This would allow more effective use of the teaching facilities across the two sites. It would also mean that the younger children would have the benefit of being in a smaller "home base" for their first years at secondary school.

What would happen to children currently attending Raincliffe School?

If the proposal is agreed, students who are on roll at Raincliffe School in September 2012 would automatically become students of Graham School. These students would not need to apply for a place.

What would happen to staff working at the schools?

Staff employed at Graham School would remain employed as they are now.

If the proposal is taken forward, staff employed at Raincliffe School would be affected as the school would close. We would not be in a position to guarantee that all Raincliffe School staff would be accommodated within Graham School but we would ensure that appropriate ring-fencing is considered and implemented wherever possible. This would be part of a detailed implementation plan if the proposal is agreed.

Timetable

It is important that any changes to schools are carried out carefully and with due regard to the views of those who would be affected, so changing the pattern of schools takes a number of months to consider. Sufficient time needs to be allowed for careful planning and implementation if the proposals are agreed. The Local Authority and the schools are committed to managing any change carefully, to minimise disruption and to ensure high-quality education and support for all children and young people.

Stage		Date
Discussion with schools	Discussions have been held with the Federation Governing Body	December 2010-February 2011
First stage of public consultation	All the responses received by the closing date will be included anonymously in a report to the County Council's Executive on 14 June 2011. The Executive will decide whether to take the proposal forward	14 March – 2 May 2011
Statutory proposals	If the Executive decides to proceed with a proposal, then statutory notices would be published in the local newspapers and posted on school gates. These notices would provide a further six weeks for views to be submitted	24 June – 5 August 2011
Decision making	The County Council's Executive would consider responses to the statutory notices and make the final decision	6 September 2011

Further Information

We will post a regularly updated Frequently Asked Questions section on the North Yorkshire County Council website.

Your views

There will be public consultation meetings about the proposal on:

28 March at 6.30pm at Raincliffe School

29 March at 6.30pm at Graham School

You can also complete the attached response sheet, respond by letter, or complete the online response sheet.

Who are we consulting?

Copies of this leaflet have been sent to all parents of pupils attending Graham and Raincliffe Schools and their feeder primary schools, to Graham and Raincliffe staff, and to local school and college governing bodies, as well as to Councillors, parish and district councils, unions and professional associations, the YPLA and the local MP.

What happens after the consultation finishes?

All the responses received by the closing date will be included anonymously in a report to the County Council's Executive on 14 June 2011. The Executive will decide whether to take forward a proposal

Your views are welcomed. You can complete the attached response sheet, respond by letter, or complete the online response sheet at:

<https://forms.northyorks.gov.uk/eforms>

Paper responses should be returned to:

North Yorkshire County Council
Strategic Services
Children and Young People's Service
FREEPOST NEA10908
NORTHALLERTON
DL7 8BR

The closing date for responses is 2 May 2011

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The proposal

The creation of a single, enlarged Graham School from September 2012, achieved by the expansion of Graham School and the closure of Raincliffe School.

Do you agree with the proposal
know

Yes/No/Don't

What are your views on the proposal

Please continue on a separate piece of paper if required

In the table below, please insert the names of any schools with which you have a connection

	Primary school (please name school)	Secondary school (please name school)
I am a pupil at....		
My child(ren) attend(s)...		
I work at...		
I am a governor at...		
I live close to...		
Other connection (please state)...		

Signed

Date:

Name (BLOCK CAPITALS)

Address:

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Postcode:

To help us assess whether we have provided clear information, please let us know whether you found this consultation easy to understand? YES/NO

Do you have any suggestions for improvement?

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Under the provisions of the Freedom of Information Act 2000, responses to the consultation may be accessed by members of the public.

Thank you for taking the time to read through this document and submitting your views.

Please send this response sheet to the following "FREEPOST" address. You do not need to use a postage stamp.

North Yorkshire County Council
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To be received by no later than **2 May 2011**.

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