

Linked Proposals to Discontinue Birkdale High School and Enlarge Earlsheaton Technology College, The Community Science College @ Thornhill and Westborough High School

Part 1 : Linked Proposal to Discontinue Birkdale High School (Community School)

Notice is given in accordance with section 15(1) of the Education and Inspections Act 2006 that Kirklees Council, Oldgate House, 2 Oldgate, Huddersfield, West Yorkshire, HD1 6QW intends to discontinue Birkdale High School (Community School), Wheelwright Drive, Dewsbury, WF13 4JB on 31st August 2011.

Pupils displaced from Birkdale High School would be offered places at the other schools in the Dewsbury High School Partnership - Earlsheaton Technology College, The Community Science College @ Thornhill, Westborough High School and St John Fisher Catholic High School (Note: Only a limited number of places may be available at St John Fisher Catholic High School within their existing capacity). Places may also be available at other Kirklees High Schools.

In September 2011, there would be no admission of 11 year old (year 7) pupils to Birkdale High School and a new arrangement of Priority Admission Areas (PAAs) would be in place for the three Dewsbury Community High Schools as well as revised Published Admission Numbers (PANs) to provide sufficient places for all Dewsbury 11 year olds.

In September 2011 the names of all Birkdale pupils would be transferred to the rolls of the other Dewsbury High Schools. The former Birkdale High School buildings would be carefully managed and operated by the Dewsbury High School Partnership to maintain the continuity of learning and the smooth transition for all Birkdale High School pupils, following the arrangements below. [The projected number of pupils is shown in brackets.]

- **Year 11** pupils would remain on the former Birkdale High School site to finish their GCSE courses with their GCSE course staff wherever possible. [101 pupils]
- **Year 10** pupils would transfer to one of the Dewsbury High Schools following individual discussions, together with their parents, to select their Key Stage 4 courses and the most appropriate High School. [84 pupils]
- **Year 9** pupils would remain on the former Birkdale High School site to finish their Key Stage 3 studies, as far as possible with their year 8 staff. During the school year they would have individual discussions, together with their parents, to select Key Stage 4 courses and the most appropriate High School to move to in September 2012. [97 pupils]
- **Year 8** pupils would remain on the Birkdale High School site to consolidate their year 7 learning and have individual discussions, together with their parents, to decide the most appropriate High School to move to in September 2012. [95 pupils]

In September 2012

- **Year 10** pupils would transfer to their selected Dewsbury High School [97 pupils]
- **Year 9** pupils would transfer to their selected Dewsbury High School [95 pupils]

The three Dewsbury Community High Schools would be expanded through the Building Schools for the Future (BSF) programme during the years 2011-2013. From September 2011, whilst BSF construction and alterations take place, the capacity of the schools would be expanded through the planned construction work, the use of temporary buildings and the flexible use of the former Birkdale High School buildings in order to accommodate a) increased year 7 cohorts up to the new PANs from September 2011 and b) pupils displaced from the closed Birkdale High School. During the school year 2011-2012, the rolls of the three schools would also be increased by the numbers of displaced Birkdale High School pupils remaining on the former Birkdale High School site.

In the first year after closure of Birkdale High School, 3 of the 4 remaining year cohorts would be retained on the former Birkdale site, so that only one year cohort would need to travel to alternative school locations for 2 years. The remaining two year cohorts would travel to alternative sites from September 2012 for 2 and 3 years respectively. Wherever possible, displaced pupils would be encouraged to walk or cycle to the alternative schools, which in some cases are within one mile of Birkdale High School. The Local Authority would also explore the possibility of enhancing the availability of public transport provision for displaced pupils.

There is currently no additional specialised provision reserved for pupils with a specific special educational need at Birkdale High School and there would be no displaced pupils with a requirement for such provision.

This proposal is related to the proposals to enlarge Earlsheaton Technology College, The Community Science College @ Thornhill and Westborough High School

Part 2 : Linked Proposal to Enlarge Earlsheaton Technology College (Community School)

Notice is given in accordance with section 19(1) of the Education and Inspections Act 2006 that Kirklees Council intends to make a prescribed alteration to Earlsheaton Technology College (Community School), Old Bank Road, Dewsbury WF12 7DW from 1st September 2011, to enlarge the capacity of the school.

The enlargement would be carried out in stages from 1st September 2011 to accommodate pupils displaced by the closure of Birkdale High School to achieve the final increased capacity by 1st September 2013.

The current capacity of the school is 947 and the proposed final capacity would be 1350. The current number of pupils registered at the school is 867 (Jan 2009). The current admission number for the school is 180 and the proposed admission number would be 270. The enlargement would be implemented by Kirklees LA through the BSF programme

School Year 2011-2012 : The physical capacity would be increased to accommodate up to 270 year 7 pupils and up to 84 year 10 pupils displaced from Birkdale High School requiring a maximum of 1041 places (if all former Birkdale year 10 pupils transfer to the school). The additional share of 98 pupils of the 293 remaining on the former Birkdale site would give a maximum total of 1139 on roll.

School Year 2012-13 : The physical capacity would be increased further to accommodate the next *cohort of up to

270 year 7 pupils and up to 97 year 9 and 95 year 10 pupils displaced from Birkdale High School requiring a maximum of 1356 places (if all the remaining former Birkdale pupils transfer to the school).

From September 2013 the permanent physical capacity of the school would be 1350 places.

Part 3 : Linked Proposal to Enlarge The Community Science College @ Thornhill (Community School)

Notice is given in accordance with section 19(1) of the Education and Inspections Act 2006 that Kirklees Council intends to make a prescribed alteration to The Community Science College @Thornhill (Community School), Valley Drive, Thornhill, Dewsbury WF12 0HE from 1st September 2011, to enlarge the capacity of the school.

The enlargement would be carried out in stages from 1st September 2011 to accommodate pupils displaced by the closure of Birkdale High School to achieve the final increased capacity by 1st September 2013.

The current capacity of the school is 900 and the proposed final capacity would be 1200. The current number of pupils registered at the school is 664 (Jan 2009). The current admission number for the school is 180 and the proposed admission number would be 240. The enlargement would be implemented by Kirklees LA through the BSF programme.

School Year 2011-2012 : With the projected roll of 622 pupils, the physical capacity would be sufficient to accommodate up to 240 year 7 pupils and up to 84 year 10 pupils displaced from Birkdale High School (if all former Birkdale year 10 pupils transfer to the school). The additional share of 98 pupils of the 293 remaining on the former Birkdale site would also be included in the overall size of 900 pupils.

School Year 2012-13 : The physical capacity would be increased to accommodate the next cohort of up to 240 year 7 pupils and up to 97 year 9 and 95 year 10 pupils displaced from Birkdale High School requiring a maximum of 1115 places (if all the remaining former Birkdale pupils transfer to the school).

From September 2013 the permanent physical capacity of the school would be 1200 places

Part 4 : Linked Proposal to Enlarge Westborough High School (Community School*)

Notice is given in accordance with section 19(1) of the Education and Inspections Act 2006 that Kirklees Council intends to make a prescribed alteration to Westborough High School, (Community School) Stockhill Street, Dewsbury WF13 2JE from 1st September 2011, to enlarge the capacity of the school.

The enlargement would be carried out in stages from 1st September 2011 to accommodate pupils displaced by the closure of Birkdale High School to achieve the final increased capacity by 1st September 2013.

The current capacity of the school is 900 and the proposed final capacity would be 1200. The current number of pupils registered at the school is 883 (Jan 2009). The current admission number for the school is 180 and the proposed admission number would be 240. The enlargement would be implemented by Kirklees LA through the BSF programme.

School Year 2011-2012 : The physical capacity would be increased to accommodate up to 240 year 7 pupils and up to

84 year 10 pupils displaced from Birkdale High School requiring a maximum of 1000 places (if all former Birkdale year 10 pupils transfer to the school). The additional share of 98 pupils of the 293 remaining on the former Birkdale site would give a maximum total of 1100 on roll.

School Year 2012-13 : The physical capacity would be increased further to accommodate the next cohort of up to 240 year 7 pupils and up to 97 year 9 and 95 year 10 pupils displaced from Birkdale High School requiring a maximum of 1260 places (if all the remaining former Birkdale pupils transfer to the school).

From September 2013 the permanent physical capacity of the school would be 1200 places.

*(*Note: The Governing Body of Westborough High School is currently consulting about a proposal to change category to Foundation and acquire a Trust. This change in category would not change the implementation of this proposal.)*

All applicable statutory requirements to consult in relation to these proposals have been complied with.

This Notice is an extract from the complete proposals. Copies of the complete proposals can be obtained from: Kirklees Council, School Organisation & Planning Team, Oldgate House, 2 Oldgate, Huddersfield, West Yorkshire, HD1 6QW

Within six weeks from the date of publication of these proposals (i.e. by 13th November 2009), any person may object or make comments by sending them to Alison O'Sullivan, Director for Children & Young People, Kirklees Council, c/o School Organisation & Planning Team, Oldgate House, 2 Oldgate, Huddersfield, West Yorkshire, HD1 6QW and are available on the Kirklees Council website www.kirklees.gov.uk/bsf

Signed: Alison O'Sullivan, Director For Children & Young People

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Explanatory Notes : These notes do not form part of the notice. Kirklees Council proposes to use the opportunity provided by the national BSF programme to significantly improve and enhance the overall educational opportunities and achievements of all young people in Kirklees. Kirklees Council is taking a strategic Authority wide approach to ensure that all future secondary schools will:

- offer high quality education to all
- provide a full broad curriculum
- be financially viable and therefore have future security
- have high quality facilities
- be welcoming and comfortable for all students and community users
- strengthen community cohesion
- enhance carbon efficiency as much as possible

The underlying principles supporting the proposals are that:

- the optimum size of future 11-16 schools should be 1200-1500 pupil places
- secondary schools in Kirklees should be in the best possible locations to serve the communities of Kirklees taking into account site availability, building suitability and the best value investment of capital resource provided by government BSF funds