



27 March 2019

Dear Parent / Carer

### **Consultation on proposal to re-locate Hexham Middle School**

As you know, we have been working alongside officers from Northumberland County Council, the Education and Skills Funding Agency and technical advisors, to explore the potential for new buildings for our schools.

We would now like to hear your views on a proposal that would see Hexham Middle School (HMS) move from its current site to new, state-of-the art buildings, which would be co-located with Queen Elizabeth High School.

As HMS moving would be a significant change, we are obliged to conduct a formal consultation with our stakeholders before deciding whether to submit a Business Case to the Regional Schools Commissioner for approval.

For full details of the consultation, which will run from 27 March until Friday 10 May, please see the attached Consultation Document (also available on the schools' websites). We will also be holding a general drop-in session in the Fellside Hall at HMS on Thursday 4 April, 17.30-19.00, when you can speak to Trustees and Senior Leaders.

Please note this is not a consultation on the detailed plans and arrangements for site layout and new buildings. These matters would be dealt with in due course through the Council's planning process.

Our schools have the potential to be assets for the whole community, celebrating the best of our past while providing exceptional facilities that can help build an exciting future. We hope that all our stakeholders will welcome the opportunities this proposal offers.

Yours faithfully

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Executive Headteacher

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Chair of Trust Board