

Newcastle City Council Statutory Notice

Change of Status from Community School to Foundation School and Acquire a Foundation

Notice is given in accordance with section 19(3) of the Education and Inspections Act 2006 that the governing bodies of the schools listed below intend to make a prescribed alteration to these schools:

Archibald First School, Archibald Street, NE3 1EB
Brunton First School, Roseden Way, NE13 9BD
Broadway East First School, Broadway East, NE3 5JQ
Dinnington First School, Sycamore Avenue, NE13 7JY
Gosforth Park First School, Granville Road, NE3 5JQ
Grange First School, Norham Road, NE3 2NP
Regent Farm First School, Wansbeck Road South, NE3 3PE
South Gosforth First School, Alnmouth Drive, NE3 1YF
Gosforth Central Middle School, Great North Road, NE3 1UN
Gosforth East Middle School, Harewood Road, NE3 5JT

The proposed alteration is to change school category from community school to foundation school and to acquire a foundation established otherwise than under the School Standards and Framework Act 1998 from 1 April 2014.

The reason for making the change is that the governing body of each school believes that it will:

- optimise the learning experience for every child
- offer parents a happy, safe, successful, encouraging and challenging learning experience for every child
- protect and enhance what we already have and value
- build for the future, for students who are yet to be born

Acquiring the foundation will provide greater opportunities for its members to:

- Further raise children's aspirations and continue to drive up standards
- Formalise the current partnership to protect and promote collaborative working
- Provide a stronger local voice in response to national changes
- Expand educational opportunities for our children
- Retain our unique identities within our local schools
- Share best practice across the schools in the interests of our children
- Work more effectively with parents, carers, partners and the wider community
- Increase leadership capacity and opportunities within our schools at all levels
- Seek opportunities for additional funding streams and financial efficiencies

The name of the foundation will be the Gosforth Schools' Trust.

The proposed members of the foundation will be Archibald First School, Brunton First School, Broadway East First School, Dinnington First School, Gosforth Park First School, Grange First School, Regent Farm First School, South Gosforth First School, Gosforth Central Middle School, Gosforth East Middle School and Archbishop Runcie Church of England First School (VA).

Each school will be represented by two members including the headteacher and a member of the governing body. There will also be representatives from the Local Authority and other partners.

This Notice is an extract from the complete proposal.

Copies of the complete proposal can be obtained from any of the schools named in the proposal.

Within four weeks from the date of publication of this proposal, any person may object to or make comments on the proposal by sending them to the headteacher or chair of governors at the appropriate school.

Signed: The Governing Bodies of Archibald, Brunton, Broadway East, Dinnington, Gosforth Park, Grange, Regent Farm, South Gosforth, Gosforth Central, Gosforth East schools.

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