

Key Information from the Parent and Carer Meeting - 16/05/2023

Temporary site

Does the temporary site have the capacity to house more children?

- Opening another floor of the building means that we will have additional classrooms including:
 - A fully equipped food technology room
 - An additional science laboratory
 - A music/ICT room
 - A large hall for PE
 - Increased dining facilities and seating
 - Additional toilets
 - Small study rooms (including for music lessons and interventions)
- The original school site, when it was for the Discovery School, had capacity for 700 students; this is more than the number of children we will have on this site.

Are you able to offer a full GCSE (KS4) curriculum?

- We can offer a full curriculum at KS3 and KS4. This includes offering a number of different subjects at GCSE such as PE/Sport, Design and Food Technology, Art to name but a few.
- Students will be able to select their GCSE options in Year 9. We will share more about this next academic year.

What extra provision will there be for PE?

- The large additional hall space being added over the summer will mean that there is greater capacity for PE. We will continue to use the outside MUGA and courts as part of our PE lessons.
- We also will continue to work with other local partners like NUFC, Newcastle Eagles, Newcastle Falcons and Dance City to enhance our PE offering.
- We are pleased that we have been able to offer sporting opportunities after school at the Galafield Centre.

Is there enough space for break and lunch?

- The doubling of the dining room will mean that there is enough space for break and lunch. We will continue to have two lunch periods to help ensure there is enough space.

Will there be extracurricular activities for students still running at the temporary site?

- These will continue to be built into our curriculum through our 7Up programme.
- The afterschool provision at the Galafield Centre has been successful and we will seek to extend this further next year.
- Being based in the city centre has been positive for us as we are able to offer lots of trips to different, local sites including Centre for Life, Discovery Museum and local universities. We have also been able to work with other local partners like NUFC, Newcastle Eagles, Newcastle Falcons and Dance City.

Will there be any changes to Year 9 next year?

- Our Y9 curriculum will have some changes, most notably the introduction of a second language (Spanish).
- We will also be increasing the work we do on careers and inviting local industries to work with our students.
- We will also introduce setting in Year 9 maths.
- Our curriculum in Year 7 and Year 8 will remain the same.
- We offer a broad and balanced curriculum in all year groups.

Home to school Transport

Which Callerton pupils will be on the school coaches next year?

- As with this year priority will be given to children in next year's Year 7 and vulnerable students in Year 8 and Year 9. We will run three coaches again (2 from Simonside, 1 from Galafield Centre)
- These will be staffed by Callerton Academy staff

What other transport options are available for next year?

- There have been positive discussions with Gosforth Group, Nexus, Newcastle City Council and the DfE.
- A full analysis of existing transport has been carried out and it is proposed to increase the capacity for students using free travel passes on the public network alongside continuing to run the current coaches
- The preferred option is the introduction of a new scholar bus route serving Callerton Academy.

When will I be able to plan travel options for next year?

- Detailed plans, including specific route, commissioning and funding for the scholar bus are currently being designed and agreed
- The next meeting with Newcastle City Council and Nexus is scheduled for early June after which we are hopeful we will be able to share more detail with you

Will I need to pay for transport?

- Transport will continue to be free of charge

What time should children arrive to school?

- Students should arrive to school for 8.30am and by 8.45am at the latest. Students who arrive after 8.45am will receive a late comment. Students who currently use public transport arrive at school on time.
- Staff are always at the front of school to welcome students

New building

When will the new building be ready?

- The expected completion date is July 2025.

Will we be able to see pictures/plans of what the new site will look like?

- Yes, we plan to share these with parents/carers at an after-school event, as well as online, when the planning application is submitted.
- When they are released online, we would welcome you in sharing your thoughts on how important the building of the school is to the local community.

Will there be transport, I.e. Scholars Buses, provided to the new site?

- School transport is reviewed and decided annually by Nexus so this will be explored nearer the time of the completion of the building to assess needs

Is there a possibility that planning permission for the new building could be delayed?

- The planning application for the new building is a reserved matters application as the site already has outline planning permission for our school. The new builder, Morgan Sindall, are working to a very similar plan to the original builder and have been able to take into account the planning feedback from 2022. This makes it very unlikely that planning permission will be delayed.
- The Department for Education, Newcastle City Council and Gosforth Group are all working hard with Morgan Sindall to progress things as quickly as possible. The local MP, Catherine McKinnell, the Schools Minister, Nick Gibb are also taking a keen interest in progress they have already met together twice in the last few months to review the situation and are receiving regular updates. Local ward Councillors are also engaged in dialogue and receiving regular updates.