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**County Hall, Northallerton
North Yorkshire, DL7 8AE**

Eskdale School and Caedmon College, Whitby: Consultation on a Proposal for Amalgamation

North Yorkshire County Council and the governing bodies of Eskdale School and Caedmon College, Whitby are consulting on a proposal to change how secondary education in Whitby is organised.

We want to ensure that there is high quality secondary education in Whitby, including for young people post 16, which is financially sustainable into the future.

The proposal is to amalgamate the two schools through the expansion and enlargement of Caedmon College, Whitby and the technical closure of Eskdale School as a separate school. This would involve the merging of the leadership and governance of the two schools from September 2016 with a move from three sites to two by September 2017. We would welcome your views on this proposal.

How You Can Find Out More

Parents and other stakeholders are invited to attend one of two consultation meetings which will take place on Monday 14 March 2016 at 6.30pm and Tuesday 15 March 2016 at 6.30pm at Whitby Pavilion, West Cliff Whitby, YO21 3EN.

Please note that these meetings will present the same information on both evenings. In order to allow as many people to attend as possible it is suggested that you only attend one of them. Separate meetings will be held for staff.

The consultation document and further information can be found on the North Yorkshire County Council website consultations page at www.northyorks.gov.uk/eskdalecaedmonproposal If you are unable to access the internet, please call 01609 534527 and ask for a paper copy of the consultation document.

How to Make Your Views Known

You can attend one of the meetings. A note will be taken of the issues raised at the meetings and will be considered as part of the consultation response but we would also appreciate written responses. Please complete the response sheet online at:

www.northyorks.gov.uk/eskdalecaedmonproposal

The closing date for responses is 1 April 2016.

As is usual we will not respond individually to consultation responses but will maintain a list of frequently asked questions alongside the consultation document on the County Council website during the consultation period.

Yours sincerely
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To: All parents, staff and governors at Eskdale School and Caedmon College Whitby; and parents of Year 6 pupils in Whitby area primary schools.