

Proposal to Remove Sixth Form Moorside High School

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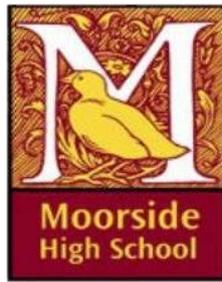
Friday 22 October, 12 noon

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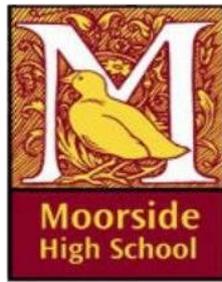
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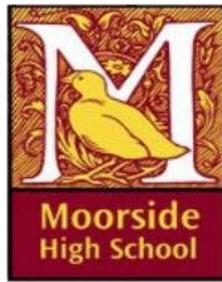
CONSULTATION DOCUMENT

PURPOSE OF THE CONSULTATION

1. Moorside High School became an Academy, part of the Potteries Educational Trust in April 2021. Prior to this, Staffordshire County Council was the Admissions Authority for the school.
2. For the past 3 years, Moorside has had very small numbers of students in their Sixth Form. There is no Sixth Form provision at Moorside for 2021-22. Therefore, the current age limit designation of 11-18 does not match the actual educational delivery at the academy.
3. The Governing Body of Moorside wants to hear the views of local families, local community, school staff, governors and parents and other bodies on the proposal to:
 - **Change their age limit to become an 11-16 academy and remove their Sixth Form Provision**
4. The Potteries Educational Trust recognises that Staffordshire County Council are responsible for ensuring that there are sufficient school places in the county. This includes for 16-19 provision. As such, Moorside wishes to consult with all stake holders about this proposal.
5. It is important that you make your views known by **Friday 22 October at 12 noon.**

WHY IS THERE A PROPOSAL TO CHANGE MOORSIDE'S AGE LIMIT?

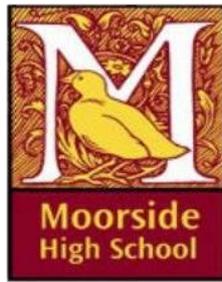
6. Potteries Educational Trust is committed to providing the best possible start for young people, which means ensuring that every child who needs a school place in their area has one available.
7. When the Moorlands Collaborative Sixth Form stopped in 2017, Moorside High School worked in partnership with Painsley Catholic College, one of their previous partners in the Collaboration, to support their Sixth Form students. Moorside High School continued to support a very small number of students who enrolled at Moorside for Sixth Form but who studied courses based at Painsley Catholic College.



8. For the past 3 years, Moorside has had very small numbers of students in their Sixth Form. In 2019-20, there were 5 students, in 2020-21, there were 2 students. In 2021-22, there are no students.
9. The following schools provide 16-19 educational opportunities to students and young people near Moorside High School: City of Stoke 6th Form College, Newcastle and Stafford Group College, Stoke College, Painsley Catholic College, Leek and Buxton College, Westwood College, Biddulph High School, Leek High School and Cheadle High School.
10. There is no Sixth Form provision at Moorside for 2021-22. Therefore the current age limit designation of 11-18 does not match the actual educational delivery at the academy. No pupils will be displaced because of this change
11. We are proposing to change the age limit at Moorside High School to 11-16 and to remove the Sixth Form.

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12. Moorside High School was last inspected on 17-18 January 2017. Ofsted judged the school 'good' in all areas. They have had a positive progress score for the last three years of published performance measures, from 2017- 2019.
13. Moorside High School's current PAN is 145.
14. Moorside is at full capacity despite declining numbers in its current Sixth Form. There is no additional space to support an increase in Sixth Form student numbers.
15. There are currently no plans to increase PAN at 11-16 because of removing the Sixth Form provision.
16. Staffordshire County Council and Stoke Borough Council School Organisation Teams have been consulted as part of this proposal as Moorside has students from both local authorities.



HOW WOULD THE SCHOOL BE IMPROVED?

- Details of why this age limit change would improve the school
17. Currently there is no Sixth Form provision at Moorside High School so there would be no impact on the current school provision for 11-16 pupils. Students receive Independent Advice and Guidance about their next steps as part of the Moorside Careers Programmes and Curriculum. Students are advised about the range of 16-19 providers in the local area for education, apprenticeships and employment opportunities. As a result, there should be no impact for existing students.
 18. As there are currently no Sixth Form students, there would be no impact on local transport arrangements.
 19. There is no financial impact on the academy. The reason for the change of age limit is so that the age limit designation of 11-18 matches the actual educational delivery at the academy. No pupils will be displaced because of this change

HOW WILL THE SCHOOL DECREASE ITS NUMBERS?

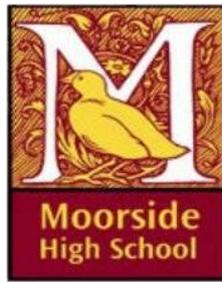
20. Admissions arrangements for 2022 do not include Sixth Form Admissions and as there are no students currently in the Sixth Form, there is no need to decrease student numbers.

HOW WILL IT AFFECT THE CHILDREN IN SCHOOL?

21. Pupils at the school would not be affected and would stay until they completed their secondary education.
22. There will be no substantial changes to the way in which children are taught because of these changes. Pupils will continue to be taught in set classes, with a teacher and teaching support. Pupils will continue to be taught in different groups for specific areas of the curriculum to make best use of staff expertise.

HOW DO I MAKE MY VIEWS KNOWN TO THE GOVERNING BODY?

23. Please send the school your views by 12 noon on Friday 22 October 2021.



- **Email** consultation@moorside.staffs.sch.uk
- **Write** Headteacher, Moorside High School, Cellarhead Road, Werrington, Stoke on Trent, Staffs, ST9 0HP
- **Attend** Wednesday 13th October 2021 at 6.00pm

24. The public consultation meeting on this proposal will be held at Moorside High School on **Wednesday 13th October 2021 at 6.00pm**. All the views received will be considered by the Governing Body.