

Statutory Consultation
31 January 2018 to 16 February 2018

Proposed Amalgamation

of

**Mackie Hill JI School with Kettlethorpe
High School**

*Please respond by
16 February 2018 to let us know what you think*



Foreword

Our vision is to:

- provide a first class learning environment
- make education in Wakefield simply the best
- build upon successes of the past
- build aspiration, ambition and realise potential

Consultation

This informal consultation is the first part of the process and seeks to:

- explain the process of the proposed amalgamation;
- help you understand the benefits of the proposal and how this might affect you; and
- gather your views on the proposal; and
- give you the opportunity to ask for further information.

The Proposal

Wakefield Council is proposing that Mackie Hill JI School will be amalgamated with Kettlethorpe High School in a through school model. This will be done by Kettlethorpe High School increasing its age range to include children aged 4 to 11 and increasing its admission number capacity. It will then operate from its own site and Mackie Hill JI School site. This is known as a split site arrangement and means the children currently on roll at Mackie Hill JI School would remain in the Mackie Hill JI School building until their transition to the other site for Year 7 onwards.

The Benefits of the Proposal

The amalgamation will drive forward an improved quality of Teaching and Learning for pupils and will provide an opportunity for all pupils to access a curriculum and provision that is driven and personalised according to their particular needs while enabling access to a wide range of staff expertise. The split site arrangement will increase the range of resources in order to deliver targeted programmes of support to pupils.

The Published Admission Number (PAN) of Mackie Hill JI School is 30. The current number on roll is 211.

The Published Admission Number of Kettlethorpe High School is 320. The current number on roll is 1541. The school was judged as Good by Ofsted in December 2016

The Process

Local Authorities (LAs) are required, in accordance with The Education and Inspections Act 2006, School Organisation maintained schools statutory guidance (January 2014, which accompanies the School Organisation (Prescribed Alterations to Maintained Schools) (England) Regulations 2013 and (Establishment and Discontinuance of Schools) Regulations 2014 that came into force on 28 January 2014 to follow a statutory process to amalgamate 2 schools through the closure of one and extending the age range of another. There are five stages to the process, as follows:

1. Informal Consultation to allow all interested parties to give their views on the informal proposal
2. Publication of the legal Statutory Notice
3. Statutory Notice period of 6 weeks
4. Decision
5. Implementation

Events

During the consultation period, Kettlethorpe High School and the Council will be holding briefing sessions to answer any questions about the proposal and to provide you with an opportunity to pass on your comments:

- Thursday 1 February 2018 at 2.45pm to 3.45pm at Mackie Hill JI School
- Monday 5 February 2018 at 6.00pm to 7.00pm at Mackie Hill JI School.
- Thursday 8 February 2018 at 5.30pm to 6.30pm at Kettlethorpe High School

Next Steps

Subject to decisions made by Cabinet; the estimated timeline for the next stages of the process are set out below:

Dates	Stages
31 January 2018 to 16 February 2018	Informal public consultation with an opportunity for you to attend a briefing, ask any questions you may have and submit your views on the proposal. Online questionnaire also available to submit your comments on the proposal
March 2018	Cabinet will consider the consultation feedback and decide whether to proceed to the next stage
April 2018	If Cabinet decide to proceed to the next stage, a Statutory Notice will be published confirming the details of the final proposal.
April 2018 to May 2018	Following publication of the Statutory Notice a period of 6 weeks will follow for formal representations to be submitted.
June / July 2018	Decision on whether to implement the proposal
To be confirmed	Implement amalgamation

How to submit comments on this proposal

Please tell us what you think by completing the online questionnaire at:

www.wakefield.gov.uk/schoolchanges

The consultation period will be held between 31 January 2018 and 16 February 2018. If you would like Cabinet to consider your views, please respond by **16 February 2018**. Your feedback is important.

If you have any questions about the proposal, or would like more information, please contact:

Schools Organisation Team

Tel: 01924 307983

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FAQs

What will be involved in the proposed amalgamation?

Mackie Hill JI School will become part of Kettlethorpe High School and will be managed by the High School. From a School Organisation statutory perspective, Mackie Hill JI School would close and Kettlethorpe High School would increase its age range, to include 4 to 11 year olds, and admission number to operate over the two school sites.

What will this mean for my child?

If your child is at Mackie Hill JI School you and your child should notice and experience a rapid, sustainable improvement in the quality of teaching and learning. If your child attends Kettlethorpe High School, they should continue to receive a good teaching and learning provision.

What support would be available for parents and pupils?

If the proposal is agreed, Wakefield Council would provide guidance to families affected by the proposed change. Maintaining stability and promoting improvement in educational achievements is core to this proposal.

What support would be available for staff?

Wakefield Council has a Human Resource (HR) Framework to support staff transitions which would be applied, if applicable, to this proposal. Retaining skilled teaching and support staff to maintain high standards of teaching and learning is fundamental to Wakefield Council's Plan.

How will the split sites work?

This would be decided by the Governing Body of Kettlethorpe High School in conjunction with the Senior Leadership Team of the amalgamated school.

When would the schools amalgamate?

If the proposal goes ahead, the amalgamation of Mackie Hill JI School with Kettlethorpe High School could be implemented sometime during the first term in school year 2018/19.

Key phrases and terms used in this booklet:

Admission Number	This is the number of children that a school can admit in each year group as the physical buildings have the appropriate space for this number of children.
Amalgamation	When two schools merge to become one school. This can be done by closing one school and changing the age range and the admission number of the other school.
Cabinet	The Council's Cabinet is a group of Councillors from the Wakefield District. The Cabinet members make independent decisions about proposals put forward by Wakefield Council.
Close	In the context of this proposal, Mackie Hill JI School pupils will become part of Kettlethorpe High School being taught on the Mackie Hill School site. From a statutory perspective, it means a school will no longer exist and, if an amalgamation isn't being planned, pupils would be dispersed to other schools.
Kettlethorpe Pyramid	Kettlethorpe pyramid consists of 6 Primary Schools: Crigglestone St James CE Primary Academy, Dane Royd JI School, HENDAL Primary School, Mackie Hill JI School, Sandal Castle Primary School, Sandal Magna Community Academy and 1 Secondary School: Kettlethorpe High School.
Representation period	A period of 6 weeks follows the publication of the Statutory Notice during which time representations (any kind of written feedback) can be sent to Wakefield Council regarding the proposal.
Statutory	A legal responsibility that Wakefield Council is obliged to fulfil.
Statutory Notice	The Statutory Notice is a legal document published with the proposal details, and invites representations to the proposal.