

Sedgefield Community College – A Specialist Sports College – Change of Age Range from 11-18 to 11-16

Notice is given in accordance with section 19(1) of the Education and Inspections Act 2006 that Durham County Council as the Local Authority intends to make a prescribed alteration to Sedgefield Community College – A Specialist Sports College, Sedgefield, Stockton-on-Tees, Cleveland TS21 3DD by changing the age range of the school from 01 September 2009.

The current age range of the school is 11 to 18 years. The proposed age range will be 11 to 16 years. The reason for the change is that students choose to attend colleges in either Darlington or Durham for their Post 16 education where greater choice is available. As the school has no sixth form pupils on roll there are no transitional arrangements required.

The current capacity of the school is 1089 (11-18) with an admission limit of 189. The capacity and admission limit will stay the same from 1 September 2009.

This school is being newly built on the existing site under the Building Schools for the Future (BSF) Programme. The capacity of the new school will be 850 (11-16) with an admission limit of 170. The existing choices for Post-16 provision in the area will continue to be available.

Within six 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 School Organisation and Capital Projects Team, Children and Young People's Services, Durham County Council, County Hall, Durham DH1 5UJ.

Signed: DC Williams, Corporate Director, Children and Young People's Services
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Explanatory Notes

In years leading up to 2002 there was a considerable decline in the number of students staying on at the school for their Post-16 education at Sedgefield. As a result, Governors agreed to suspend Post-16 provision with effect from September 2003. This arrangement is still in place. Sedgefield Community College is in Wave 3 of Durham's BSF Programme. It is now an appropriate time in the development of the new school to change the age range from 11-18 to 11-16.