



# SEATON SLUICE MIDDLE SCHOOL

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Dear parents/carers,

We have been made aware of some misinformation circulating regarding the school merger consultation process.

Firstly, I would like to stress that this consultation is being led by Northumberland County Council and not the Federation. In a period of consultation, the views of all stakeholders must be sought and the County Council has asked that all 3 schools in the Federation gather pupil views.

Yesterday, in assembly, I delivered a factual presentation which outlined the proposals for the schools and shared some of the positive benefits as well as the negative impact that such a change would bring. The same presentation will be shared with the pupils of the other schools later this week.

Pupils will now have the opportunity to complete a short survey. This can be found in Google Classroom and they will be given time to complete this in school or, alternatively, at home. This is a different form to the formal consultation form, which you are still welcome to complete at home with your child as well.

I know emotions are running high for many people with regards to the proposals but I must make it clear that neither I, nor any of the staff, are seeking to influence the pupils in any way and I strongly refute any suggestion to the contrary.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs K McSparron  
Head of School

