

Reorganistaion – feedback from parent/carer update meeting on 20th March 2025

Wooler Family Hub:

- infant health checks in the NCC building (weight etc.)
- Open all week
- under 2 year setting – could it be discussed for provision to be all year, not just term time. Consider adding provision for 2yr up to 10Yr holiday clubs for full working days if school unable to increase their holiday child provision? Or WFH take over all holiday clubs?
- more baby groups/pregnancy groups/new parent groups/help with mental health
- under 2s nursery provision – many people asking for one
- parents in Wooler/local area are DESPERATE for better child care provision for younger children or longer hours. Many mums want to get back to work + access funded hours but have no nursery space/babies are under 2!
- they need an outdoor area
- baby weigh in (walk in style) - breastfeeding support groups – health visitor check ins.

Community Use:

- gym – adults keep fit/volley ball/netball/Pilates/basketball
- Places Leisure for gym and pool
- local schools (Ford/Lowick/Branton) invited to use our pool to save it
- Yes – but not sure what currently goes on + what could be added Football club? Use of gym + field

Questions?

- what do school/PTA have to raise funds for? Swimming - play area – library (Capital funds?)
- what about office space rental – some kind of pods/garden rooms in school field?

Swimming:

- could there be public use of an (improved?) pool – grant or lottery funding to find a lifeguard – Wooler association to fund or something – people would like to pay to go as it is much closer than Berwick.
- it would be such a shame to lose swimming (also agree x3)
- could different term for different years help?
- could enquire with local schools to come and use our pool and help fund it
- keep the swimming -vital for the children to learn
- as much as is financially + practically possible! If has to be one term of swimming in a school year for each year group. Would Branton pool be an option?
- would the Riverside be a reasonable option?
- what about use of riverside club pool for lessons> Saves money/time by walking just along the road. Do alternative weeks?
- alternative terms per year group, less disruption to overall learning, only 1 term need afforded by parents if PTA can't fundraise enough?
- Riverside leisure for swimming would be good
- Swimming every other year group?

Forest School:

- keep for all years
- 100% Forest School please for all years
- forest school for all years 😊
- forest school for all year groups
- forest school to be kept for all ages – designated forest school leader for every year group /all year groups – will keep job opportunities etc.
- Forest school for all. As much as possible. Can after school club be in forest school?
- forest school for all years (yes, I agree)
- Yes please! (Forest School for all years) – I agree
- 100% forest school for all year groups
- I think forest school gives vital outside classroom learning and the children should be able to continue for as long as possible
- Yes – all years. Outside learning is great

- forest school for all years (I agree – me too!)
- forest school for all years! It is fantastic + my kids LOVE it!

Trips & residential visits:

- more local visits around hometowns e.g. high street /library – free
- London for Year 6? Keep lots of local trips for younger years – Farne islands. Bamburgh castle etc.
- keep school trips and maybe a contribution to bus costs
- keep school trips. Could look at charging a small fee for bus etc.

Reading diaries – pupil planners:

- keep these. Helps us parents keep track
- have a combined reading record + planner – saves paper!
- keep reading diaries for all years
- reading diaries throughout the school
- Reading diaries for reception to Year 2 only
- keep these they are good at promoting independence + planning
- reading diary works fine and is a good routine – simple + important
- I would try to keep these as they are
- write reading in planner to save paper

Assemblies:

- Defo keep family assemblies
- keep family assembly – good to see and hear and be part of what is happening
- yes! My child loves seeing family members, nice to see children in school environment
- KEEP assembly. Weekly with coffee stop
- family assembly is lovely for parents + kids – add in Yr5 + 6! The more the merrier – add some new awards for 5+6 only – something for younger kids to look forward to.
- family assembly is very important. Would be nice to involve all year groups
- I think family assembly is vital for both parents + children! It would be a real shame to lose it
- definitely keep family assembly weekly
- keep, keep, keep family assembly!
- continue family assembly weekly

Annual events:

- keep harvest festival, sports day, Christmas, Easter
- keep as many annual events as possible
- keep all the events
- keep all the events need to advertise them more
- yes, keep festivals
- annual events should be whole school events
- keep all events – they are great!

Structure of the day:

- staggered times + current times work well
- **NOT STAGGERED** start/finish time the same – can be time consuming waiting around for younger/older kids (especially if its raining!)
- keep staggered home times – works well
- staggered times work well. Same start time
- staggered home time works well (agree)
- this sometimes does not work if you have to hang around in the rain for older children
- not the best if you have children in pre-school, first school and middle
- staggered times work well but need a sheltered area for parents with kids with a bigger age gap
- continue staggered times

School name:

- NAME - Cheviot Primary School (sounds good)
- Glendale Primary
- Wooler Primary (I agree)
- Glendale Primary School
- agree with Cheviot Primary School
- Glendale Primary
- keep Glendale in the name somewhere
- ask the children's views
- Cheviot Primary
- I like Glendale Primary
- Cheviot Primary School
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- Cheviot Primary
- Glendale Primary – Cheviot Primary sounds like the doctor's surgery!

Rewards & Sanctions:

- keep head teacher awards and Friday assembly. The kids love it
- head teacher awards are great. Children really proud getting them
- keep head teachers awards
- ask the children – seek their views
- maybe combine head teachers awards with house points
- I think head teacher awards would work well throughout all year groups at primary
- houses work well
- keep Glen – Till – Wooler as houses as these have always been
- house points

Uniform:

- dark green uniforms – no ties – defo not for younger children
- can we keep uniform as comfortable as possible – no ties
- Dark green/khaki purple – no tie
- keep it simple – no badges + branding
- purple, a blend between red and purple or keep red as majority of children will have red when the time comes - keep polo shirts
- exactly as it is for first school but new colour + logo then you only need a new t-shirt + sweatshirt
- please transition new school uniforms to reduce on land fill and unnecessary cost – thank you!
- black & white Northumbrian tartan – save money? Colours of tartan not actually tartan! Or keep red jumpers + get a new badge to sew on. Have navy skirts/trews...blue
- red + blue = purple...not ties
- No ties
- no ties – to much distractions. Purple uniform. Hoodies – easiness for PE/swimming days & comfier. Logos. Whole primary school to have same uniform. Maybe what key stage embroidered on jumper?
- a colour that can be purchased in a supermarket uniform section
- keep single uniform as the first school
- no ties
- nothing that needs ironing! (100% agree)
- no ties
- keep red jumpers, keep tree logo, change simply to Wooler/Glendale Primary School. Allow children to wear old 'first school' logo items for grace period of a good few years. This would reduce clothes going to scrap and massively reduce cost to families who endeavour to re-use clothes between multiple siblings and cut costs of having to buy new for multiple children.
- no shirts or ties keep them all the same
- Green * Cheviots are green * Cheviot Primary
- I think keeping red would be nice and allow less rebuying for parents. A new logo is obviously needed. I don't like the idea of shirt and tie for KS2, this almost feel like separation of schools
- dark green – maybe some tartan?
- school costing for 1 years uniform e.g. Year 5 to 6 it is too much cost for parent to get a full uniform for just 1 year

