

## Pre-Publication Consultation on Proposed Change to Age Range

**Monkseaton Middle School; Vernon Drive, Whitley Bay, NE25 8JW**

**Local Authority: North Tyneside Council, The Quadrant, Silverlink North, NE27 9SU**

**Consultation Period: Wednesday 10th December 2025 – Wednesday 21st January 2026**

### What are we consulting on?

We are proposing to change the age range of Monkseaton Middle School from Year 5–Year 8 to Year 5–Year 11, effective from 1 September 2027. This means the school will offer education through to Key Stage 4, enabling pupils to complete their GCSEs at Monkseaton Middle School.

### Why are we proposing this change?

- To meet local demand for additional secondary school places
- To provide continuity of education for pupils through to GCSE level from Year 5.
- To make best use of existing facilities and resources.
- To support long-term sustainability and improve parental choice.

### Impact on pupil flows and local planning.

There is anticipated to be minimal impact of this change on schools in NEPA area. The impact at Y9 for High School is anticipated to be minimal due to significant oversubscription to WBHS. This indicates demand for additional places at Y9 in the NEPA area and wider borough. There is a potential impact on Secondary Schools at Y9, and Primary Schools at Y4, where pupils transfer into the NEPA schools (as is currently the case). It is anticipated that the pupils who start in Year 5 at MMS will remain until Y11, thereby the impact on Secondary Schools in the longer term is minimal.

### Actual & Forecast Pupil Numbers by Year Group

Academic Year	Y5	Y6	Y7	Y8	Y9	Y10	Y11
2025-2026	53	53	56	38	N/A	N/A	N/A
2026-2027	58	53	53	56	N/A	N/A	N/A
2027-2028	60	58	53	53	60	N/A	N/A
2028-2029	60	60	58	53	60	60	N/A
2029-2030	60	60	60	58	60	60	60

### Projected Costs and Long-Term Value for Money

The proposal is financially viable. School is projecting an in-year surplus by Year 3 of phased growth plan. The proposal provides Upper Key Stage 2, KS3 and KS4 education in one school.

### Implementation Plan

The Implementation Plan is over three years. This will enable appropriate staffing appointments, training and resources to be in place. The school will increase to include Year 9 pupils in September 2027, Year 10 will begin September 2028 and Year 11 September 2029.

### Curriculum Model at Key Stage 4

The KS4 curriculum will offer two pathways. These will include core subjects and option subjects. GCSEs include Maths, English Literature & English Language, Science, History, Geography, French, Spanish, German. Additional level 2 qualifications will be offered including Health & Social Care, Sport, Art &

Design, Computing, Technologies, RE/Philosophy, Hospitality & Catering, Animal Care. Work Based Learning opportunities will additionally be offered which include Vocational Awards in Hair & Beauty, Construction and Engineering.

## **Who will be affected?**

We are consulting with all stakeholders who may be affected, including:

- Parents and carers
- Pupils
- School staff
- Local community
- Local authority
- Other local schools
- Community groups

## **How can you share your views?**

We welcome feedback from all stakeholders. You can respond by:

- **Email:** [agerangeconsultation@monkseatonmiddle.org](mailto:agerangeconsultation@monkseatonmiddle.org)
- **Post:** Monkseaton Middle School, Vernon Drive, Whitley Bay, NE25 8JW
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## **Consultation period**

This consultation will run for 6 weeks, from Wednesday 10th December 2025 – Wednesday 21st January 2026, in line with statutory requirements. A formal representation period of 4 weeks will follow if appropriate, once the statutory proposal is published.

## **Next steps**

- All responses will be considered by the Governing Body of Monkseaton Middle School.
- A statutory proposal will be published by the Governing body of Monkseaton Middle School, followed by a 4-week representation period.
- A final decision is anticipated in the NTC cabinet meeting at 16/03/26.
- Updates will be posted on our website: [www.monkseatonmiddle.org](http://www.monkseatonmiddle.org)