

What Are The Proposals?

Due to significant growth in demand for secondary school places across the city it is proposed to establish a new secondary school on the Simonside site, alongside Simonside Primary School.



Will the new secondary school be a Free School?

Current legislation states that all new schools must be Free Schools and become an academy on opening.

Who would run the new secondary school?

The Council has been exploring options for an existing successful Academy Trust to bid to the Department for Education to establish a new secondary school in the Outer West area. Gosforth Federated Academies Trust have agreed to submit a bid. They are seeking expressions of interest and preparing a bid for the next wave of free school applications.

Sports provision & community access

Sports provision is identified within the proposals to meet the needs of the schools and provide for community use.

Will there be post-16 provision?

Post-16 provision is not proposed on this site as there is already a wide range of existing post-16 provision in the area as well as across Newcastle and neighbouring areas.

What secondary school provision is proposed?

A secondary school for 1,050 pupils aged 11-16 years (Year 7 to Year 11) is proposed. The size of the school is based on the forecasts of places that will be needed, based on children currently travelling through the primary system and additional numbers projected from planned housing developments.

What are the proposals for Simonside Primary School?

There will also be growing demand for primary school places resulting from planned housing developments.

For this reason, the Council has been working closely with the governors of Simonside Primary School, who are part of the Outer West Learning Trust (OWLT), to explore proposals for new or upgraded facilities, and an increase in capacity from 315 to 420 places for pupils aged 4-11 years. Other primary school expansions and new provision also form part of future planning. Simonside will continue to be part of the OWLT.



ABOUT GOSFORTH FEDERATED ACADEMIES TRUST

Gosforth Federated Academies are dynamic, diverse co-educational and comprehensive schools, demonstrating clear energy and purpose where all students are valued, regardless of their background or ability.

- ◆ The Trust currently provides outstanding education to over 2,200 students between the ages of 9-18 years at Gosforth Junior High and Gosforth Academy.
- ◆ Gosforth Academy is a successful and over subscribed school. Its successes include national recognition for being in the top 100 schools in England for results in the English Baccalaureate for the last 2 years.
- ◆ In January 2018, Seaton Burn College will join Gosforth Federated Academies Trust and Heaton Manor School will join later in 2018.
- ◆ Our students are exceptionally well cared for and supported and the rich cultural and social mix prepares them for life in the 21st century.
- ◆ Our schools work in close partnership with parents and carers in a caring, friendly and supportive atmosphere.
- ◆ Like our current schools, the ethos of the new Academy will be to truly enable students to 'Create their future!'