

**NOTICE OF PROPOSAL BY DURHAM DIOCESAN BOARD OF FINANCE TO
ESTABLISH A NEW VOLUNTARY AIDED PRIMARY SCHOOL**

Notice is given that Durham Diocesan Board of Finance, Diocesan Office, Auckland Castle, Bishop Auckland, DL14 7QJ, intends to establish a new Church of England maintained voluntary aided primary school under Section 11(1A) of the Education and Inspections Act 2006 as amended by the Education Act 2011. It is proposed that the school will open on 1st September 2013.

The school will be located on the Hylton Red House site within the school building at Rotherham Road, Red House, Sunderland, SR5 5QL. The school will serve the area currently served by Hylton Red House Primary School and Bishop Harland C of E VA Primary School in the Redhill Ward.

The ethos of the school will reflect the principles and values of the Church of England. The school's Christian character will be developed in partnership with the Church at local and diocesan level. The school will aim to serve the community by providing education of the highest quality within the context of Christian belief and practice. The ethos will encourage an understanding of the meaning and significance of faith and promote Christian values through the experience it offers to all pupils. Recognising its Christian foundation, the school will preserve and develop its religious character in accordance with the principles of the Church of England and in partnership with the church at parish and diocesan level.

The proposer intends to ask the Secretary of State to designate the school as a school with a Church of England religious character.

The new school will cater for pupils between the ages of four and eleven years. It will provide places for 525 boys and girls. All of the children currently attending Hylton Red House Primary School and Bishop Harland CE Primary School will be admitted to the new school in September 2013. 75 pupils will be admitted into the reception classes in September 2013. The school will provide local authority commissioned places for up to 10 children with language difficulties.

The school will serve its local community welcoming children of all faiths and of no faith, and children of all abilities. No priority will be given to children from Church of England families, or to children from the wider Christian community. When necessary, the Local Authority's oversubscription criteria will be applied.

The school will work in partnership with others to provide extended services to ensure that there is ready access to the core offer. A varied menu of activities will be provided such as a breakfast club, a wide range of sporting after school clubs; residential activities; a variety of family learning sessions, conservation activities within the locality; special interest clubs and creative activities.

As the proposed new school is 0.56 of a mile from Bishop Harland CE VA School, there are no proposals to provide transport for the displaced pupils. Travel plans will be put in place to minimise any additional car use.

This notice is an extract from the complete proposal. Copies of the complete proposal can be obtained from Alan Rowan, Sandhill Centre, Grindon Lane, Sunderland SR3 4EN or on 0191 561 1372 or by e mail to alan.rowan@sunderland.gov.uk

Within six weeks from the date of publication of these proposals, any person may object to or make comments on the proposals by sending them to the Executive Director of Children's Services, Sunderland City Council, PO Box 101, Civic Centre, Sunderland SR2 7DN

Signed: 

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