



Northumberland County Council

SCHOOL REORGANISATION IN PONTELAND

Update Autumn 2018



Darras Hall Primary School's new building completed for new school year

Phase 1 of the project to build a new, two form entry, primary school in Darras Hall, replacing the existing school, has been successfully completed. The school has taken occupation of their state

of the art facilities that have greatly improved the teaching and learning environment for their pupils and staff.

Phase 2 of the project has now commenced, which will see a part demolition of the existing buildings, the construction of the multi-use games areas and the seeding of new grass pitches.



New Classrooms for Ponteland Primary

As Ponteland Primary School welcomes its new Year 6 class this September, the school has been provided with a double modular classroom to assist with its growing numbers. The school will move to its new buildings on a shared site with Ponteland High School and the brand new leisure facilities for the town in September 2020.

PROGRESS WITH BUILDING PROJECTS



Progress with Ponteland High and Primary School/Leisure project

It has been a busy summer for the Ponteland buildings project team. The announcement of the new contractor for the joint schools and leisure building is expected at the end of September and work will start on site before the end of the year. You may have noticed the 4km of fencing that runs around the proposed site and along Callerton Lane - this has been constructed to help catch the Great Crested Newts (see left) so they can be relocated to a 'receptor pond'

for their safety during the construction of the new schools and leisure centre. Once the buildings are completed, the newts will be set free to roam at will.

Also in preparation for the new build, the sporting clubs based on the leisure centre site will be relocating to Ponteland High School and Richard Coates School sites on a temporary basis until the new build has been completed.



FINAL PHASE OF PONTELAND SCHOOLS REORGANISATION - SEPTEMBER 2019

In September 2019, Ponteland High School becomes an age 11-18 secondary school and will expand to welcome students into Year 7 and Year 8. Ponteland High School will also welcome its usual intake of Year 9 students at this time, but this will be the final intake into that year group, i.e. from September 2020 the transfer point at the school will be into Year 7 only.

How to apply for a place in Reception Class in Primary Schools in the Ponteland Partnership for September 2019



Applications for a place in reception classes for September 2019 can be made from 1 November 2018. If your child lives in Northumberland, you should apply for a place via the Northumberland County Council Admissions Portal at

<http://www.northumberland.gov.uk/Education/Schools/Admissions.aspx>

If your child lives outside of Northumberland, but you would like to apply for a place in a Northumberland school, **you must apply via the admissions portal of your home local authority.**



You can apply for a place in Reception up to **15 January 2019.**

How to apply for a place in Year 7 or Year 9 in Ponteland High School for September 2019



Parents of children currently in **Year 6 or Year 8** in schools and academies who want to apply for a place for their child in **Year 7 or Year 9** in Ponteland High School for September 2019 can submit an application from 12 September 2018. If your child lives in Northumberland, you

should apply via the Northumberland County Council Admissions Portal at <http://www.northumberland.gov.uk/Education/Schools/Admissions.aspx>

If your child lives outside of Northumberland, but you would like to apply for a Year 7 or Year 9 place in Ponteland High School for September 2019 or another secondary school, **you must apply via the admissions portal of your home local authority.**

You can apply for a place in Year 7 or Year 9 at Ponteland High School or another secondary school up to 31 October 2018.



How to apply for a place in Year 5 or Year 7 in Ponteland Community Middle School for September 2019



Parents of children currently in **Year 4** in schools who want to apply for a place for their child in **Year 5** in Ponteland Community Middle School for September 2019 can submit an application

from 12 September 2018. If your child lives in Northumberland, you should apply via the Northumberland County Council Admissions Portal at

<http://www.northumberland.gov.uk/Education/Schools/Admissions.aspx>

If your child lives outside of Northumberland, **you must apply via the admissions portal of your home local authority.**

You can apply for a place in Year 5 at Ponteland Community Middle School up to 31 October 2018.

Applications for a Year 7 place in Ponteland Community Middle School for September 2019 must be made via the Council's 'in-year' admissions process at

<http://www.northumberland.gov.uk/Education/Schools/Admissions.aspx#in-yearschooitra>
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How to apply for a place in Year 8 in Ponteland High School for September 2019



Parents and carers of children **currently in Year 7** in schools or academies other than Richard Coates School can apply for a place in Year 8 in Ponteland High School for September 2019. Applications for Year 8 pupils should be made via the Council's 'in-year' transfer process at:

<http://www.northumberland.gov.uk/Education/Schools/Admissions.aspx#in-yearschoolttransfers>

Parents will be informed of the outcome of their Year 8 application on offers day for secondary places, 1 March 2019. If oversubscribed, available places in Year 8 will be allocated in line with the Council's Admissions Policy, which is available online at <http://www.northumberland.gov.uk/Education/Schools/Admissions.aspx#admissionpolicies>

If you have any queries regarding any of the information on applying for places in Northumberland schools, please contact the Admissions team by email at schooladmissions@northumberland.gov.uk or by telephone on **0345 600 6400**.