

11th February 2025

Dear Parents and Local Residents,

I am writing to update you on an important development regarding Scalby School's future. As you may be aware, the structural integrity of our current school building has been compromised by the presence of RAAC, a material used in construction from the 1950s to the mid-1990s. Recent assessments have highlighted the need for significant work to ensure the safety of our pupils, staff, and visitors. Unfortunately, the cost and logistics of repairing the building are not feasible in the long term, so we have been exploring alternative options. Currently, temporary classrooms are providing accommodation for our students on part of our site, however this is not a long-term solution.

Consultation on Relocation to the Former Raincliffe School Site

After careful consideration and extensive consultation, in partnership with North Yorkshire Council (NYC) and the Department for Education (DFE) it has been recommended that our school should relocate to the former Raincliffe School site on Lady Ediths Drive, which will be redeveloped into a new, modern facility for our students. On Tuesday 18th February North Yorkshire Council's executive will meet to consider proposals to transfer part of the former Raincliffe School site on Lady Edith's Avenue to the DFE as a suitable location to rebuild Scalby School. This move will allow us to continue providing a high standard of education in a modern, purpose-built environment. The work will include the demolition of the old Raincliffe school building, followed by the construction of the new school, which initial timelines anticipate will take approximately three years to complete. This is an extremely exciting opportunity to provide high quality educational facilities for the community in our Coastal region.

Land Swap and Timeline

To facilitate this relocation, a land swap arrangement has been negotiated with the owners of the former Raincliffe School site, NYC and the DFE. This proposal will be considered by the North Yorkshire Council executive next week, we are optimistic that it will receive the backing of the executive. This new location will provide a much-needed fresh start, offering better educational facilities and a more secure environment for our students and staff. We understand that this is a significant change for the community, and we are committed to keeping everyone informed as the project progresses. The land is currently part occupied by Springhead Sixth-Form, which will continue to operate from its part of the site.

Future of the Scalby School Site

At this stage, no decision has been made regarding the future of the current Scalby School site and sports field. This will be a decision made by NYC once the land swap has passed through consultation. We understand that many of you may have questions about what will happen to this land, and we will continue to work closely with NYC to ensure that local views are considered in any future plans.

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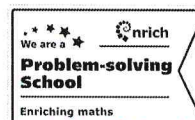
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Timeframes and Updates

While the work on the new site is set to take around three years, we will ensure that you are regularly updated on the progress of the project, as well as any changes that may affect the local community. We are mindful of the potential disruption during the construction phase and will work with local authorities to minimize any impact.

Community Consultation

In the coming months, we will be holding a community consultation meeting where you will have the opportunity to hear more about the project, ask questions, and share your thoughts with us. We encourage you to attend and get involved, as your feedback is invaluable to us. Further details on the consultation meeting will be provided soon.

We understand that change can bring questions and concerns, and we want to assure you that we are committed to maintaining open communication with you throughout this process.

We recognise that change can be challenging, especially for those who have connections to the Raincliffe site, and the local area. However, we believe that this new development will offer long-term benefits to the community, including:

- A modern, safe, and purpose-built school for our students
- Improved educational facilities and opportunities
- Increased local employment during construction
- Enhanced community spaces and facilities once the project is complete

Thank you for your continued support as we work towards providing a better future for our students and the wider community in the Scarborough area.

Yours sincerely,

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