

## NCC statement on school organisation in North Yarmouth

As you may be aware, there has been recent press coverage about possible changes to schools in North Yarmouth. There were some assumptions and inaccuracies in the reporting that may raise questions locally and Norfolk County Council is keen to reassure the schools and local people that no consultation has taken place yet, and nothing has been decided about the future of the schools.

The County Council's role is to ensure that the community has schools that can provide a good education for children in the area, both now and in the future. We know that we need to invest in school buildings in the area to support this and want to apply the money available in the most effective way.

We are in the process of developing a consultation on the options, and parents, staff, governors and local stakeholders will be able to have their say. This consultation is likely to start on 12th June 2017. Due to restrictions in place during the local and general elections we have been unable to start the consultation before this date.

Before any decision is taken there will be an opportunity for Members of the County Council to consider the issues at a meeting of Children's Services on 26<sup>th</sup> June.

The schools will continue as they are into the new school year in September 2017.