



CAMBRAI PRIMARY SCHOOL

A NEW PRIMARY SCHOOL
FOR THE COMMUNITY OF
CATTERICK GARRISON,
PROPOSED TO OPEN IN
SEPTEMBER 2019.



"Growing good people – doing great things."



Cambrai
Primary School



Welcome to Cambrai..

Cambrai Primary School is a new school, proposed to open in September 2019, in Catterick Garrison. It will be the latest family member to join Lingfield Education Trust - a medium sized Multi Academy Trust, which currently operates six schools across the north east.

The school is being opened to meet the growing demand for pupil places across the area, and aims to be a school firmly rooted in its community – growing alongside the families which it will serve. We have worked closely with North Yorkshire Local Authority to ensure that the school will work in close partnership with their education department and local schools.



When full, the school will provide 420 places for children from reception age, to year 6 (60 children per year group). The school will, however, open in September 2019 with only a reception class intake.

The school is currently in the 'pre-opening phase', which means that:

- ✿ the Department for Education have approved the proposal for the new school,
- ✿ Lingfield Education Trust's initial staffing, finance and pupil build up plans have been given the green light,
- ✿ an experienced headteacher has been appointed,
- ✿ the site is being fully renovated by the Department for Education to ensure it is of the highest quality learning environment – both inside and outside
- ✿ the school is asked to consult with local people and stakeholders to consider community views and opinions so that they can be considered prior to the opening of the school.

During this consultation process we are keen to hear your views about all aspects of the proposed new school, additionally we would like you to indicate in your response as to whether Lingfield Education Trust should enter into a funding agreement with the Secretary of State to open the new school. Further information about Funding Agreements is included in the FAQ's section at the back of this document.

All consultation responses will be received via the school's website, at www.cambraiprimaryschool.co.uk, or via our 'meet and greet' sessions, detailed on our website.



Why is a new school needed?

The population of the area around Catterick Garrison is set to rise considerably over the next few years. Recently, there has been a large scale building programme of new houses across the area, further housing developments are planned, as well as potential plans to increase the size of the Garrison to a 'Super Garrison', with an increase in service families' accommodation as a result. North Yorkshire County Council identified the need for a new school, following the expansion of many of the local schools in the area, in order to address their projected shortfall of pupil places over the coming years.

Lingfield Education Trust were successful in bidding to open the school, following a process of scrutiny by the Department for Education and the Regional School's Commissioner. Cambrai Primary School will provide families with a further choice of school in the community, from September 2019.

Why 'Cambrai'?

Once the Trust were identified as the successful bidders for the school, we had to name it. A big responsibility! Whilst contemplating the school name when driving on holiday in France, our CEO noticed a sign for 'Le Cateau' (another school in Catterick') – with the next junction being 'Cambrai'. After a bit of research, which uncovered that Cambrai was the Duke of Wellington's headquarters for the British Army in the 1800s and was a British base during WWI, where tanks were used successfully for the first ever time – the named fit perfectly and Cambrai was born.

The name is pronounced 'Cam-bray'.



The New School Site

The site for the new school is the building previously used by Darlington College, situated on Catterick Road. The building was purchased by the Department for Education and is currently being fully remodelled and refurbished in preparation for September 2019. The ground floor of the building is being transformed to include large windows and access to the outdoors for infant classrooms, whilst the upstairs will include a large hall and classrooms for the older children. The Trust has worked closely with the DFE and appointed contractors to ensure that the building is fit for purpose and a school to be proud of. Some of the key features include:



Current building – prior to renovation.

-  **A large hall**, large enough to fit all of our children for collective events and assemblies – we are determined to develop **a family approach** to our school
-  A dedicated space for **technology**, including **cooking and construction** activities
-  A separate **library** – to promote a love of reading and the importance of valuing books
-  State of the art **ICT facilities** – with top specification equipment and facilities across the school
-  **Generous sized classrooms**, with break out spaces allocated to each year group



 **Extensive outdoor areas**, including our own school field, woodland area, sports pitches and dedicated playgrounds for all ages

Current school field.

School Leadership

Almost as soon as the Trust were awarded the school, we appointed a headteacher to oversee the project from much earlier than is usual for new schools – to ensure that what would be best for the children of Cambrai was championed from the outset when working with the DFE, contractors, ICT departments and the Local Authority.



CAMBRAI EXECUTIVE HEADTEACHER

Mark Dent was appointed as the executive headteacher for the new school in January 2018 – 5 terms prior to the opening of the school. Mark is an experienced school leader and headteacher, having been a successful headteacher in Durham prior to taking up post with Lingfield Education Trust. Because of Mark's track record of supporting other schools across the region, he was also appointed as our Trust's 'School Improvement Lead', which sees him work with all of our family of schools to support their continual improvement and successful OFSTED inspections.



LINGFIELD EDUCATION TRUST CEO

Nick Blackburn, CEO, brought about Lingfield Education Trust after a period of successful headship, and supporting other schools across Darlington. Nick has led the growth of the Trust to 7 schools, including Cambrai, and increasingly supports other Multi-Academy Trusts across England. Nick is also an experienced leadership coach, programme designer and quality assurer for school leadership programmes across the country.



LINGFIELD EDUCATION TRUST DEPUTY CEO

Rebecca Pavey is Lingfield Education Trusts' Deputy CEO, and executive headteacher of the successful Mount Pleasant Primary School, in Darlington. Rebecca is an experienced executive headteacher, who has secured outstanding leadership and management judgements and provided support to schools, other than her own, in order to improve them rapidly. Rebecca and Mark work closely together as the School Improvement Team for the Trust, and increasingly with other schools across the region.

No other staff have been appointed at this early stage (prior to the formal consultation) but as they are, across 2019, the school website will be updated accordingly.

School Admissions

The admissions policy for Cambrai Primary School is in line with the School Admissions Code, the School Admissions Appeals Code and admissions law. Our admissions process is fair, transparent

and in partnership with North Yorkshire County Council. A full copy of the policy can be found at www.cambraiprimaryschool.co.uk. Where the school receives more applications than there are places available, after the admission of pupils with an Education, Health and Care plan naming the school, priority for admission will be given to those children who meet the criteria set out below, in priority order of:

- 1 • Looked after children and children who were previously looked after but immediately after being looked after become adoption, a child arrangements order or special guardianship order
- 2 • Priority will next be given to siblings of pupils already attending the school, at the time that the application was received (from 2020)
- 3 • Priority will next be given to those children who live closest to the school - measured from the home address to the school gate, by the shortest walking route.
- 4 • other children

Simply, in 2019, the majority of children will be admitted on the basis of home distance from the school. In 2019, we will admit 30 children in to our reception class. **To apply for a place, visit the admissions section of our website for details, or view the forms at our 'meet and greet' sessions.**

School Ethos and Vision

"Growing good people – doing great things."

The notion that we have a school that grows children in to more than a 'set of results' is the bedrock of our vision and ethos for Cambrai. Our school will aim to develop children in to 'good people', who will go on to do 'great things'. Developing children's positive attitudes, resilience, bravery, kindness and care will be central to daily life at Cambrai.

We will, alongside this, ensure that all children reach their academic potential – we believe, that this is achieved best when children love coming to school, feel loved when they are there and develop their own love for learning. We aim to do this by:

-  Utilising our **extensive building and grounds** to their full potential – some learning is best in the classroom, some learning is best done outside, through a trip, through ICT or play – at all ages.
-  Ensuring that our **children are safe – and feel safe**. The building has been cleverly designed with young children in mind, to ensure that they 'own' the building from the day they set foot in it.
-  Adopting an **inclusive, family approach** to school life – children will mix with children from all ages, reading together, playing together and learning from each other. We will expect our older children to be role models for new children and the youngest members of our family. We want our children to be proud of their school, each other and themselves. We want our children from Service Families to feel like they have always been here – settled, appreciated and valued from day 1.

- ✿ Focusing on **high quality teaching**. Nothing but the best teaching will be accepted by the leadership of this school. A great teacher has an impact that lasts a lifetime, not just for the time a child in their class. At Cambrai, we will never forget the importance of high quality daily teaching, coupled with an exciting and rigorous curriculum.
- ✿ **Working with families** – openly, honestly and with genuine care. As our school grows, so will its pastoral team. We understand that school has the potential to support children and families beyond the classroom – as when schools do this well, children fly.
- ✿ Having **high aspirations** for our children, regardless of background – academically, socially, in sports, through the arts – whatever our children's strengths are, we will find them, celebrate them and aim to ensure that they achieve their full potential.

Our overarching aim is for Cambrai to be a **centre of excellence for our Trust** and the wider community. It will embody our Trust values and be a distillation of the strong practice seen across our Trust schools – and beyond.



Frequently Asked Questions

What kind of school will Cambrai be?

All new schools approved by the government are called 'free schools'. A free school is simply a school, or 'academy', that is outside of Local Authority control. Increasingly, these schools are opened by Multi-Academy Trusts, such as Lingfield Education Trust. Free schools are not profit making entities, or businesses.

Where exactly will the school be located?

The school is located on Catterick Road, on the site previously occupied by Darlington College. Jigsaw Nursery occupy the smaller building on the site and will continue to do so, offering childcare and education prior to school age.

Is it a 'selective school'?

No, our admissions policy is similar to other schools in the area. We are an inclusive school and all children are welcome.

Will the opening of Cambrai Primary affect other schools in the area?

This is not the aim of opening the school. Pupil numbers have been carefully reviewed by the DFE and Local Authority – and they have advised how many pupils the school admits initially and over time, based on the need for school places. Parents are able to choose any school for their child, and we hope many choose Cambrai, but not to the detriment of other local schools.

Will the school be inspected by OFSTED?

Yes – both prior to the school opening (to check it is safe, well set up and the curriculum is suitable) and once the school opens, usually in its third year of operation. The Trust has significant OFSTED expertise within its central team.

Can we apply for a place now?

Yes – see the admissions section of our website, or talk to us at one of our 'meet and greet' sessions'. Applications close on 15th January 2019.

What happens after the consultation?

Once the consultation period is complete, we will consider all the views and comments put forward and make any adjustments to our proposals that may be necessary. This information will then be reviewed by the Secretary of State for Education in seeking approval to enter into a Funding Agreement with Lingfield Education Trust. This will enable the school to offer unconditional places and open in September 2019. A Funding Agreement is the contract between the Secretary of State for Education and the Trust that sets out the terms on which the school is funded. More information about a Funding Agreement can be found here: <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/academy-and-free-school-funding-agreements-multi-academy-trust>



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