

SOUTH TYNESIDE COUNCIL

THE FUTURE OF SOUTH SHIELDS SCHOOL

**MEETING WITH PARENTS FROM BOLDON SCHOOL AND MORTIMER
COMMUNITY COLLEGE**

THURSDAY 4 OCTOBER 2018

DROP-IN SESSION 3.30PM TO 5.30PM

Session was attended by the following:

- 4 parents from Mortimer Community College
- 1 parent from Boldon School
- 2 parents from local primary schools
- 3 parents from South Shields School

The theme of the questions and discussion was as follows:

- Pupils should be allowed to continue with their education at South Shields School – the closure could then be implemented.
- Boldon School pupils commence some GCSEs in Year 8.
- Concerns regarding the impact on current pupils at Boldon and Mortimer where there is an influx of pupils from South Shields, particularly when pupils are commencing GCSEs.
- The traffic in the Boldon School area is already problematic. An increase in pupils would create a health and safety issue.
- Lunchtime arrangements at Boldon School are already difficult.
- Concern that there are insufficient places for pupils from South Shields at Boldon and Mortimer.
- Primary school parents expressed concern that having visited Mortimer and Boldon they could not see either school as an option for their child.
- Some parents disagreed with the information being presented by the LA regarding the Secretary of State asking the LA to commence a consultation on closure as a condition of the lifting of the Academy Order.