

Consultation Responses on the Proposal to Amalgamate Brynhyfryd Infant & Junior Schools on Existing Sites

Number of consultation responses received:

106

| | | Support Proposal/Happy | 77 | |
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| | | Against Proposal/Unhappy | 13 | |
| | | Undecided | 16 | |
| | | <i>Responses from:</i> | | |
| | | Pupil | 101 | |
| | | Parent/Carer | 4 | |
| | | Member of Staff | 0 | |
| | | Governor | 1 | |
| | | Community Member | 0 | |
| | | Other | 0 | |
| | Point Raised | LA Response | Number of Written Responses Raising Point | % of Responses Raising Point |
| 1 | Pupils will be able to make new friends and see younger/older pupils/siblings. | Movement of pupils between sites would be coordinated by the new headteacher/staff. | 44 | 42% |
| 2 | Like idea of Primary School. | Agreed. | 13 | 12% |
| 3 | Should stay as separate Infant & Junior Schools. | This is not in keeping with the Policy in Swansea Council. All other Infant and Junior schools in Swansea have amalgamated into primary schools. | 8 | 8% |
| 4 | Right time to amalgamate with Junior HT retiring. Have positive impact of unity of school as a whole, teachers, governors, pupils. | There were a number of senior leadership staff vacancies in both schools. | 7 | 7% |
| 5 | Primary would have same start/finish times, Inset Days and holidays. Suggestion to have different earlier finish time than at present. | Yes, a primary school would have a common INSET day instead of separate days for Infants and Juniors. School start and end times can be considered by the Temporary Governing Body. | 4 | 4% |
| 6 | Only School not a Primary in Swansea. Primary is better for the teachers and children. | Agree. | 4 | 4% |
| 7 | Not sure about the proposal/feel shy/think I may not see my friends and teachers | Friends will still be at the school, as should the majority of teachers. There will be more flexibility to carry on seeing teachers right through the primary years. | 4 | 4% |
| 8 | Will be happy to have a new uniform. | This will be considered by the Temporary Governing Body, and pupils, staff and parents are usually included in discussions about the colour, badge etc. | 3 | 3% |
| 9 | The school will be too big. | The size of the new School will be no bigger than many other Swansea schools. | 3 | 3% |
| 10 | Concerned about a uniform change costly for parents. | The Temporary Governing Body will be encouraged to agree to implement a phased approach to adopting the new uniform to enable parents the opportunity to spread costs. | 2 | 2% |
| 11 | School has a very good reputation. | School reputation can continue as a new Primary School. | 2 | 2% |

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| 12 | Leaving this year so won't be affected by change. | Yes, the change will not affect pupils currently in Year 6. | 2 | 2% |
| 13 | Will not have to apply for pupil to attend Junior School. | Agree, there is a smoother transition to Year 3 as no separate application is necessary within a primary school setting. | 1 | 1% |
| 14 | Want to have Miss Richards (the current Infant Headteacher) as Headteacher. | The Temporary Governing Body will be responsible for the appointment of the Headteacher for the primary school. Miss Richards will be able to apply for | 1 | 1% |
| 15 | Learning different things. | The same subjects will be taught but there could be staff that are currently at the other site that are experts in certain areas, and this knowledge can be shared. | 1 | 1% |
| 16 | Can see teachers for longer in a Primary School. | Agree. | 1 | 1% |
| 17 | Don't want a new teacher. | At the start of a new academic year most pupils will have a new teacher. A new Primary School will require changes of teacher in the same way the infant and junior schools presently do. | 1 | 1% |
| 18 | I don't want to grow up. | Noted. | 1 | 1% |
| 19 | The older children may be nasty and shout. | The Primary School would continue to operate on two sites so infant pupils will only come into contact with junior pupils during pre-arranged activities, supervised by staff. | 1 | 1% |
| 20 | I can change my group. | Noted. | 1 | 1% |
| 21 | Concerns about teaching methods being different in Infant and Junior | A primary school setting will facilitate the opportunity for the curriculum to be better aligned and this will help to streamline teaching methods. | 1 | 1% |

A response was also received from Estyn on 28th July 2014.

Conclusion - to propose the publication of a Statutory Notice to amalgamate Brynhyfryd Infant and Junior Schools