

Appendix A

Birchgrove Comprehensive School – ASD STF Consultation Report				
	Number of consultation responses received:			
	55			
	Including feedback form Birchgrove School Council	Support Proposal/Happy	54	
		Against Proposal/Unhappy	1	
		Undecided	0	
		<i>Responses from:</i>		
		Pupil	0	
		Parent/Carer	30	
		Member of Staff	1	
		Governor	0	
		Community Member	13	
		Other	11	
	Point Raised	LA Response	Number of Written Responses Raising Point	% of Responses Raising Point
1	No comment.		16	29%
2	Acknowledgment that there is not enough STF provision to meet the current need.	Agree.	15	27%
3	Positive impact on whole school/secure future of the school.	Agree.	11	20%
4	It will allow children to ensure their full potential .	Agree.	8	15%
5	Positive impact on community.	Agree.	6	11%
6	Good idea.	Agree.	4	7%
7	Correct placement has a positive impact on pupils and families.	Agree.	3	5%
8	ASD children often struggle in mainstream, and lack of proper support often leads to behaviour issues which can lead to exclusions.	The proposed STF will provide trained staff in an appropriate setting.	2	4%
9	Supportive of providing ASD STF in mainstream school.	Noted.	2	4%
10	All children will learn about difference and tolerance.	Agree.	2	4%

11	Concern that 16 places are not enough and what is needed is an ASD special school.	There is increasing demand for ASD places and in Swansea our policy is for inclusion through STFs in mainstream school settings.	1	2%
12	Concern that it will increase bullying (parent feels there is already a problem with bullying at school).	There is no evidence to support this concern regarding increased bullying. Indeed, schools hosting STFs usually have an increased tolerance for learners with additional needs. All schools will deal appropriately with any reports of bullying.	1	2%
13	Question raised as to how the teachers will be trained and who is going to do the training.	The interview process will seek suitably qualified staff. There are networking opportunities with other ASD STF staff in Swansea as well as support from local authority specialist teams.	1	2%
14	Question raised by School Council: When will the STF open?	1 January 2018.	1	2%
15	Question raised by School Council: Will the children come on the yard with us?	Each individual learner will integrate with others as is appropriate to their own individual needs. Some would enjoy sharing the yard space but for others this would not be appropriate.	1	2%