

Appendix 2
Summary of Consultation Written Responses.

Laleham Gap Governing Body is proposing to make prescribed alterations to Laleham Gap (Foundation) Special School, Ozengell Place, Ramsgate, CT12 6FH, CT12 6FH:

- change the age range from 4-17 to 4-18 years
- change the designated number from 178-188

Consultation information distributed:

- All Parents/Carers, Governors and Members of Staff at Laleham Gap.
- All schools in the Thanet District.
- All Special Schools in East Kent
- Kent and Medway Clinical Commissioning Group
- Thanet District Council
- Elected representatives.
- Diocesan Authorities.

Responses received:

	Yes	No	Undecided	Total
Parent	13			13
Staff	5			5
Governor	4			4
Pupil				
Other				
Total	22			22

There was a total of 22 responses to the public consultation with all the responses supportive of the proposal.

Themes of responses in favour of the prescribed alterations include:

Year 13 provision will benefit pupils and give additional options and opportunities for students. It will support next stage of education. Current options are limited.

Comments included

‘I feel this will provide further security within the school to help them progress further in their education and will be a huge support with their anxieties...’

‘We think this is a great idea and will be a wonderful support for the students in order to prepare them for further education post 18’

‘I feel that this would provide a much needed provision for children’

'I think this proposal is a great idea and I'm sure it will benefit many more young adults'

'We fully support the proposal...We believe that this will provide an additional option for young people at the point of transition in year 11...These areas of need do not stop at the point of year 11 and are life long and therefore we feel it is vital to have provision that allows for young people to have continued support and learning opportunities in years 12/13 which will support transition into adulthood, further education or employment...

'I think that by expanding to allow for a year 13 is a brilliant idea. So many of our pupils will benefit.'