

**PROPOSED CHANGE OF AGE RANGE OF NEWINGTON CE PRIMARY SCHOOL AND THE CLOSURE OF THE MAINTAINED NURSERY UNIT**

**Summary of written responses**

Consultation documents distributed: 300

Responses received: 48

	Support	Against	Undecided	Total
Parents/Carers of pupils at Newington CE Primary School	18	0	0	18
Parents/Carers of children attending the Maintained Nursery Unit	3	0	0	3
Parents/Carers of pupils attending The Cherries Pre-School	8	0	1	9
Members of staff at Newington CE Primary School including the MNU	12	0	0	12
Members of staff at The Cherries Pre-School	5	0	0	5
A member of The Cherries Management Committee	3	0	0	3
Governors at Newington CE Primary School	3	0	0	3
Interested party – including local residents, the community warden, KCC Early Years advisor and those involved with other local schools.	9	0	0	8
<b>Total responses received *</b>	<b>47</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>48</b>

\* Please note: The totals on the bottom line refer to the number of individual responses received. Some of these responses fitted into more than one category and are counted in each category but only once in the total.

A summary of the comments on the proposal:

- I think in the long term the proposal is in the best interests of the children and the community.
- Good idea for Cherries Playgroup to move from the village hall to Newington CE Primary School nursery unit – better facilities and improved opportunities for all children in the community.
- I propose that the nursery is taken over by Cherries from September 2011. This would allow for the current Newington Nursery children to make a smooth transition into the Reception class in September 2011.
- I agree strongly with the proposal, as I feel the Nursery has been a financial drain on the school since it opened. I look forward to seeing a great facility being used to its full potential and not at the expense of children.
- Flexible childcare is hard to find in a village and the proposed sessions that Cherries could offer would really help the needs of working parents.
- As a parent governor this proposal will allow the school to focus its resources at infant and junior level rather than at pre-school provision and this can only help in raising standards.

- My concerns are for those children currently in the nursery, due to start school in September.