

**KINGSMEAD PRIMARY SCHOOL**  
**VIEWS OF PUPILS REGARDING THE AMALGAMATION**  
**PROPOSALS**  
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Pupils from key stage 2 discussed their views informally in small groups with the Headteacher. Pupils in year 2 talked about the proposals in their class with a Teaching Assistant.

**What do you think about the idea of our school joining together with Diocesan and Payne Smith School?**

Most children thought it was a good idea. Just a couple were not in favour or had mixed views – they liked the school as it is or were worried about bullying.

**There will be more children in the school and more classes. What do you think about that?**

Will there be enough room on the playground?

It would be more crowded but more people would get to learn new things.

There would need to be different class names.

It would be good as there will be more people playing football and sports.

Teachers would have more children to help so we would get less time.

Teachers would find it hard to teach more children and there might be behaviour problems.

We could make more friends.

There may be more bullying.

We could go to different rooms for different lessons (ie setting).

We would need more space.

**There would be a lot of money spent on improving the school building and the school site. What do you think could be done to make the school better?**

Extend the playground

Divide the playground up for ball games.

Extend into the Adult Education car park

Extend the playground into the front of the school.

Use the old swimming pool.

We would need more chairs and tables.

The playground football pitch could be made bigger and goal nets put in.

There could be fencing to stop the balls going over into the coach park.

The hall would need to be bigger for dinner.

It could be painted a new colour.

New doors

Climbing frame/ make the play area bigger.

Fill in the cracks.

Make the car park bigger/ better.

Friendship Bench  
Build more classrooms.  
More equipment

**What would be the good things about the schools joining together?**

We already know some children/ have friends from DPS.  
There would be more children to play with so no one will be lonely.  
More children in class to help each other  
We could make new friends in our class (lots of children said this).  
We could improve the school and attendance might go up.  
We could get new equipment.  
Our school and DPS don't get good results. Joining together might help the results improve.

**Is there anything that worries you about the two schools joining together?**

They worry about whether there would be bullying (lots of children said this).  
There might be fights and people getting hurt/stealing/threats.  
There is lots of bullying at DPS.  
The education for all children needs to be the same.  
Things would cost more (I explained there would be more money for this).  
Would the new children like me?  
It might be unwelcoming and different.  
There might be naughty children.  
There will be more children.  
There won't be enough toilets.  
We'd have more queuing for dinner.  
They're Christians and we're not.

**Other points made:**

They think the classes should be mixed up.  
What would it be called?  
Maybe the new school uniform could be a mixture of both.