

PROPOSED EXPANSION OF ALDINGTON PRIMARY SCHOOL

Summary of pupil responses

A vote was taken by 72 of the children in the school. 54 children (75%) were in favour of the proposal and 18 were against it.

In support of the proposal

- If new children come to the school you can have new friends and there will be more children to play with at playtime.
- Because we are a good school we would teach more children.
- You won't get separated from your friends in the same year.
- It will be good practise for secondary school (2)
- New teachers
- The school would be bigger
- There might be an upstairs
- There will be more resources
- Teachers with specialisms to assist with the curriculum
- More parent support for PTFA raises more money and more land for fete.
- Would not have to split classes for literature and maths as one lesson = one class
- More recommendations to other people making the school popular
- It would be better for the environment if a second floor was built rather than expanding onto the land
- We could have a class per subject rather than per teacher, ie specialise in science or PE then we would get expertise in the teaching
- There would be two sittings for lunch
- No splitting of friends twice in a school life
- We would not repeat work as we would all be working on the same subject and the work would be different each year.
- There will be more choice of students in a year group to compete against other schools. There may be enough musicians for an orchestra.

Against the proposal

- We need to think carefully where to put the new building – not over the pond. Maybe have an upstairs in the school.
- There will be more children in the hall for assembly and you might be squashed.
- It will cost money to build new classes
- Only one more class so the school does not get filled up too much
- Need to buy more equipment, calculators etc.
- More noise while moving around the school – ie to ICT
- Would need to buy more land for a bigger field.
- Some village children are turned down due to lack of space
- More power would be needed. This would cost more and we are an Eco school
- Small schools are more personal, like being part of a family
- More staff would need to be employed