

Proposal to expand St John's Church of England Primary School, Maidstone

Summary of Written Responses

Printed Consultation Documents distributed:

300

Consultation responses received:

A summary of the responses received showed that:

	In Favour	Undecided	Opposed
Governors			
Staff	1		
Parents	14	4	20
Pupils			1
Other	2		
Totals	17	4	21

Comments in favour of the proposal:

- Fully support the proposal as the school can better serve the local community.
- This proposal will enable more places to be offered to parents who struggle to get places for their children.
- I strongly believe that the school will be fully equipped to deliver the same quality of education.
- Fully support and hope that the school can maintain its "caring" ethos.
- As much as I would prefer the school to stay as it is, we need more places for local children.
- The school should be big enough to serve the Grove Green community.
- Agree. Parents should be able to send their children to their local school. (3)
- Due to higher birth rates and more housing in the area expansion to local primary schools is necessary. Wholeheartedly support this proposal.
- I am not against the idea of expansion but think that a better solution would be to accept 20 per class rather than 30 although this is probably not very practical.
- We are in support provided adequate permanent classrooms are provided.
- Consideration could be given to a creating a more formal catchment area link with Detling.

Comments against the proposal:

- Pupils' education will be disrupted by work in and around their school building.
- More pupils will attend from out of area increasing traffic around the school. (3)
- All the children seem to live near each other enabling them to play outside of school hours.
- The family / community feel would be lost as children from other areas would come to the school. (3)
- Fundraising events will be affected.
- When the council agrees for new housing to be built new schools should be built to accommodate the children who will be living in them. There is land available off the New Cut Road.
- To make the current reception year a 2FE next year would disrupt the class. Lots of these children take so long to settle.
- Where will parents drop off and pick up? It is packed as it is.
- Some of the parents who have caused this problem are parents who put St John's down as their second or third choice.
- Teachers will not know so many children. A 1FE school is so much more intimate.
- I like the smaller classes as I feel that more attention can be made to individual pupils rather than having to address a whole group.

