

Appendix 1: Summary of consultation responses

Upon closure of the consultation on 15 December 2013:

- 42 individual responses have been received
 - 30 online responses
 - 12 paper responses

- Of the respondents¹:
 - 31 were Parent/Carers
 - 4 were members of staff
 - 3 were Governors
 - 2 did not give a response capacity
 - 4 selected Other, of which:
 - 2 were representatives of Teaching Unions
 - 1 was a local Head Teacher
 - 1 was a local Councillor, on behalf two other Councillors.

The consultation asked the question:

'Do you agree with the proposal to expand the age range from 3-7 to 3-11 at St Mary's Fields Infant School to become an all through primary school?'

- 40 respondents agreed with the proposal
- 1 respondent did not make a specific response

Respondents were given the opportunity to make comments. The majority of comments received were positive, reiterating support for the proposal.

Broadly, positive comments were also made regarding:

- Benefit to children/pupils (17)
- Making life easier for parents (removing element of multiple schools, admission applications etc.) (4)

A number of comments were made regarding concerns about the proposal:

- Pedestrian and vehicular access arrangements (4)
- Ability to accommodate increased numbers of pupils in interim period before Junior block becomes available (1)
- Any potential job losses due to duplication of roles (1)

Additionally, three comments were received regarding the need for additional facilities for pupils and staff to accommodate the expansion.

¹ Number of respondents totals more than the number of responses due to multiple response capacities (i.e. Parent and governor)

St. Mary's Fields Infant School – change of age range

Formal responses were received from the school and the governing body expressing their support for the proposal (attached).

The school undertook class discussions with pupils regarding the proposal. A selection of comments can be found attached. At the end of the discussions, a class vote was held with the results being:

- 100% in favour in all year groups.

A formal response was also received from Leicestershire County Council noting the proposal and stating that the authority had no objections.



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St Mary's Fields Consultation

The staff at St Mary's Fields are very much in agreement with the decision to change St Mary's Fields into a primary school with 3-11 year olds.

All Staff are looking forward to working in a Primary School with the added professional opportunities that the new school would bring to enable them to develop their practice across the full primary age.

The present Year 3 children have settled into their new classes in the mobile and are looking forward to having a new junior block on site.

The school has just recently celebrated its 75th anniversary and all parents, staff, governors and pupils are very excited about the new developments.

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The Governing Body of St Mary's Fields unanimously agree with the decision to extend the school to a through age primary school and the subsequent building requirements that will be needed to accommodate the extra children. They are very excited and are looking forward to the proposed changes at St Mary's. We have recorded in our Governors minutes our positive view of the proposals.

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