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Education Strategy & School Organisation

I feel that the two schools should not be combined. In my experience as a parent and as a past governor it is beneficial for the schools to stay separate.

• The first school are very good at introducing the children to school. They learn about routine, how to interact with each other & adults and have an excellent start to their education in a safe & caring environment.

• The junior school make a brilliant job of building the childrens confidence in themselves, teaching them to respect others cultures & religions and showing them that we are all different. They relish the fact that they have more responsibility in what they do, how they learn & how they behave.

If you ask the children what they think of junior school after the first half term most of them will tell you how surprised they are by how good junior school is & how they have enjoyed the change from first school.

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- Both school have their own identities which should be kept separate. If they are combined they will lose them as they will be such a large school. Indeed some of the children particularly the smaller ones may find the size of the school quite intimidating.

- It is also a concern that in the last year the first school have had a bulge class. I cannot see that this will stop after the first year & will carry on, again adding to the size of the school and also the constant problem of the busy road in the mornings & afternoons with parents trying to find parking spaces. I am sure that if the residents in the surrounding roads knew about this they would be very concerned..

- If the school are combined the school as a whole will suffer and so will the surrounding area.