



ELMGROVE FIRST SCHOOL GOVERNING BODY
ELMGROVE MIDDLE SCHOOL GOVERNING BODY

14th July 2010

Dear Chris,

The consultation on school amalgamation finished at noon on Monday 12th July.

The joint steering group of the Governing Bodies of Elmgrove Middle and Elmgrove First Schools met this morning, 14th July, and, given the response from the consultation, recommends that Elmgrove First/Infant School and Elmgrove Middle/Junior School amalgamate from September 2011.

The Governing Bodies' view, supported by the consultation outcome, is that an amalgamated school can provide better for the needs of the children and families of Elmgrove and also offer opportunities to staff that cannot be matched by keeping the schools separate.

We have attached the spreadsheet showing the collated response to the consultation.

As you will see the overall response was that 48.4% of respondents were in favour of amalgamation. Taking parents as a group, 62% were in favour and 23% against. The overall figure is heavily influenced by the staff response: 53 staff replied and only 74 parents.

Please convey the view of the Governing Bodies to the Cabinet, to be considered in their decision making.

Yours sincerely

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Chair of First School Governing Body

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Chair of Middle School Governing Body

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| | I support amalgamation | I want the schools to stay separate | I am not sure | Total | % that support |
|---|------------------------|-------------------------------------|---------------|--------------|----------------|
| First School parent | 24 | 13 | 6 | 43 | 55.8 |
| Middle School parent | 11 | 3 | 3 | 17 | 64.7 |
| Parent in both schools | 11 | 1 | 2 | 14 | 78.6 |
| Member of staff in First School | 7 | 19 | 6 | 32 | 21.9 |
| Member of staff in Middle School | 9 | 9 | 3 | 21 | 42.9 |
| Other interested stakeholder: didn't identify a category ticked all the boxes | | 1 | | 0 | |
| | | | | 1 | |
| | | | | 0 | |
| Total | 62 | 46 | 20 | 128 | |
| % | 48.4 | 35.9 | 15.6 | 100.0 | |

one spoilt paper

Comments:

1. I have a child due to start reception as other starts y 3. It would be difficult to do school runs to different schools if junior is shut
2. Amalgamation will benefit both schools
3. Elmgrove Schools are a special case.
As both schools are additionally resourced to meet the needs of children with severe and complex disabilities, the staffing levels at Elmgrove are higher than the average first and middle school - e.g currently the First School has over 70 staff
Combining both schools will almost double the staffing level, thus making staff liaison even more difficult than at present. This, in turn, would have a negative impact upon teaching and children's learning.
Recent amalgamation at several local Harrow schools has led to increased levels of stress and subsequent higher than average staff sick leave
4. I would like the same high standards of the First School to be translated to the Middle School
5. The school will be too big and I think the needs of the children (social and emotional) will not be met as well as educational

% of total parents in favour
62.2