

merger to successfully enhance this facility for the children by guaranteeing specialist teaching and the appropriate resources are available across the primary school age range. This opportunity should boast how the merger can ensure stability and continuity for these children from age 4-11.

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26 MAY 2017

CONSULTATION RESPONSE FORM

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Consultation on the Proposed Merger of Springdale Infant School with Springdale Junior School

Are you a: *(Please tick as appropriate)*

<input type="checkbox"/> Pupil at Springdale Infant School	<input type="checkbox"/> Pupil at Springdale Junior School
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Parent/ Carer of a pupil at Springdale Infant School	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Parent/ Carer of a pupil at Springdale Junior School
<input type="checkbox"/> Member of Staff at Springdale Infant School	<input type="checkbox"/> Member of Staff at Springdale Junior School
<input type="checkbox"/> Member of the Governing Body at Springdale Infant School	<input type="checkbox"/> Member of the Governing Body at Springdale Junior School
<input type="checkbox"/> Other <i>(Please state)</i>	

Do you agree with the proposal to merge Springdale Infant School with Springdale Junior School with effect from 1 January 2018?
(please tick as appropriate)

☒ YES ☐ NO ☐ DON'T KNOW

Please add comments here and overleaf:

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The deadline for receipt of responses is 25 June 2017.

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Thank you for taking the time to complete this form.

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Q1 Are you a: (Please tick as appropriate)

Member of staff at Springdale Junior School

Q2 Do you agree with the proposal to merge Springdale Infant School with Springdale Junior School with effect from 1st January 2018?

Yes,
Please add comments below:
I provide Spanish lessons to both schools as a part time teacher, and I consider the merge a positive move. I believe the transition from KS1 to KS2 will be smoother, less stressful for pupils and better communication among staff, enabling leadership and teachers to provide continuity of teaching, learning and achievement.

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Q1 Are you a: (Please tick as appropriate)

Parent/ Carer of a pupil at Springdale Junior School

Q2 Do you agree with the proposal to merge Springdale Infant School with Springdale Junior School with effect from 1st January 2018?

Don't know,

Please add comments below:

The schools have been separate for many years and have both seemed to do well up until the latest Ofsted inspection in Infants. The teaching is so different in Juniors compared to Infants (in terms of how approachable teaching staff are for example) and I am not sure how much of an impact the merger will have until I hear further details at the meetings. Having children in both Infants and Juniors, it is a worry to see how many changes have already occurred (particularly staff changes) and it is not in a positive way for Infants. I was extremely happy with my child's education and the Infants school prior to the inspection but am not as happy at the moment. It is hard to know how the Juniors school is performing as they haven't had an Ofsted inspection since 2014. If the merger means that there will be positive impacts for the Infants school I will fully support it but if it means the Infants will become more like the Juniors I will be reluctant to support it. I have heard from sources at St Barts that their school is going to take over the running of Springdale and it will become an academy and am worried that this merger is the first step in this happening. We need to be told of all the plans for the schools. There is currently too much speculation.

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Q1 Are you a: (Please tick as appropriate)

Member of staff at Springdale Junior School

Q2 Do you agree with the proposal to merge Springdale Infant School with Springdale Junior School with effect from 1st January 2018?

Yes,
Please add comments below:

I agree to the proposed merger of Springdale Infant School with Springdale Junior School because there would be consistency of learning between the two schools thus there would be less 'back tracking and filling the gaps' and more building on pupil's existing knowledge in Key Stage 2. There would be better communication between the two schools especially identifying earlier, pupil's with specific learning difficulties.

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Q1 Are you a: (Please tick as appropriate) Member of staff at Springdale Junior School

Q2 Do you agree with the proposal to merge Springdale Infant School with Springdale Junior School with effect from 1st January 2018? Yes

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Q1 Are you a: (Please tick as appropriate)

Member of staff at Springdale Infant School

Q2 Do you agree with the proposal to merge Springdale Infant School with Springdale Junior School with effect from 1st January 2018?

Don't know,
Please add comments below:
As a primary it would be beneficial as there won't be transitions like it has been from infant to juniors. But how would this make things better! As a lunchtime Supervisor would we still be doing what we are doing now. We would Still be using the infant hall and playground.

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Q1 Are you a: (Please tick as appropriate) Parent/ Carer of a pupil at Springdale Infant School

Q2 Do you agree with the proposal to merge Springdale Infant School with Springdale Junior School with effect from 1st January 2018? Yes

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Q1 Are you a: (Please tick as appropriate) Parent/ Carer of a pupil at Springdale Infant School

Q2 Do you agree with the proposal to merge Springdale Infant School with Springdale Junior School with effect from 1st January 2018? Yes

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Q1 Are you a: (Please tick as appropriate)	Parent/ Carer of a pupil at Springdale Junior School
Q2 Do you agree with the proposal to merge Springdale Infant School with Springdale Junior School with effect from 1st January 2018?	Don't know

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Q1 Are you a: (Please tick as appropriate)**Parent/ Carer of a pupil at Springdale Infant School**

Q2 Do you agree with the proposal to merge Springdale Infant School with Springdale Junior School with effect from 1st January 2018?

Yes,
Please add comments
below:

Springdale infants needs to be given structure. My son is currently on reception here and has had 3 teachers since September. This would be hard for anyone to deal with and we are expecting 4/5 year olds to cope. I would love for it to be looked in to as to why the staff turn over is high

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Q1 Are you a: (Please tick as appropriate)

Parent/ Carer of a pupil at Springdale Infant School

Q2 Do you agree with the proposal to merge Springdale Infant School with Springdale Junior School with effect from 1st January 2018?

Yes,
Please add comments below:
If it improves the staff turnover within the school then I'm all for it

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Q1 Are you a: (Please tick as appropriate)

Parent/ Carer of a pupil at Springdale Infant School

Q2 Do you agree with the proposal to merge Springdale Infant School with Springdale Junior School with effect from 1st January 2018?

Don't know

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Q1 Are you a: (Please tick as appropriate)

Parent/ Carer of a pupil at Springdale Infant School

Q2 Do you agree with the proposal to merge Springdale Infant School with Springdale Junior School with effect from 1st January 2018?

Yes,
 Please add comments below:

I feel the merger makes sense in terms of supporting 2 smaller schools that are so closely connected to both do well and for a well managed transition from infant to junior. However, I also feel this has to be done in the interest of both schools and not primarily as a reaction to the recent infant OFSTED. The merger needs to consider the needs of both schools and maintain the needs of infants pupils. The Head role should not be given as a matter of course to the current junior head (there is strong feeling that this is a foregone conclusion). I feel strongly that a member of the senior leadership team for infants should be on the new SLT for the new school. The new school should be seen as that and not an assimilation for infants into juniors. This is a merger not a take over. My daughter is due to finish Juniors this year and has done really well in the school, but we need to remember that Infant pupils have different needs and the new SLTeam should include staff that understand the needs of infant pupils. This will help pupils like my son who are still in infants.

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Q1 Are you a: (Please tick as appropriate)

Parent/ Carer of a pupil at Springdale Infant School

Q2 Do you agree with the proposal to merge Springdale Infant School with Springdale Junior School with effect from 1st January 2018?

Yes,
Please add comments below:
It should ensure a more uniform education for the children.

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Q1 Are you a: (Please tick as appropriate)

Member of staff at Springdale Junior School

Q2 Do you agree with the proposal to merge Springdale Infant School with Springdale Junior School with effect from 1st January 2018?

Yes,

Please add comments below:

Have felt for many years that a merger of the two schools would benefit pupils. A merger would ensure consistency across both schools, consistency in curriculum, expectations and standards. The physical building will mean very few changes will have to take place, so very little disruption to pupils. The Infant and Junior School have been working very closely together since the Infant OFSTED in January. This closer working has benefitted both schools and ensured that changes have been swift. A decision not to merge may slow down this change. A merger will have many benefits, shared budget costs, staff opportunities with movement between key stages, raised standards and opportunities to share good practice. Springdale Junior School is currently rated Good by OFSTED and I do feel that the main barrier to it becoming outstanding over the years has been the inconsistency with Springdale Infant School.

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Q1 Are you a: (Please tick as appropriate)**Parent/ Carer of a pupil at Springdale Infant School**

Q2 Do you agree with the proposal to merge Springdale Infant School with Springdale Junior School with effect from 1st January 2018?

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Yes,

Please add comments

below:

We support the proposal to merge Springdale Infant School with Springdale Junior School, under a new name Springdale Primary School, as a positive and sensible response to the recent advice from Ofsted that the Infant School has been found lacking in some key areas. Clearly the Junior school has strengths that could help here. We would like to clarify that our experience through our son's own progress through Reception and Year 1 at the Infant school has been good, with him making solid progress in all taught areas. Our son is stimulated to learn both at school and outside school, and loves his school thanks to his positive experience! His teachers and TAs have been excellent, and we were somewhat surprised by some of the Ofsted findings. We have had concerns, especially since he started year 1, in areas of school administration and communication. Frequency and timing of information to parents is variable, and methods of delivery could be significantly improved to ensure that there are no 'surprises' or last minute arrangements to be made. Email of key newsletters was a good idea but has been poor in practise, and we are still at the mercy of whether the newsletter makes it into the school bag at the end of the day. To date, neither my husband nor I, who both signed up to receive email news, have received any! This goes back almost 2 years. I do receive text messages, but these do not reflect the richness of regular newsletter content. A recent issue was the sudden, unnotified removal of year 1 and 2 afternoon playtime, apparently in response to the Ofsted rating, which has caused our son (who has hyperactivity and sensory issues) real challenges. It also seemed as though the children were being 'punished' by the removal of playtime! Some were quite upset by it. We have had ongoing concerns about bullying at the Infant School - our son has been a victim of repetitive bullying and unkind behaviour since Reception. His class teacher has been great at dealing with incidents raised by him or by us, and preventing further in the classroom, but this is not necessarily the case over lunch and playtimes with different staffing, in our experience. Therefore, it would be good to see a Primary school formed and run with good, regular communications (through reliable channels) with parents, solid education opportunities for all children and a balanced approach to promoting and celebrating the 'softer' aspects such as values, appropriate behaviour, tolerance, and diversity. These children are the future, and it is critical these qualities, as well as receiving good education opportunities, are demonstrated and encouraged early.