# **Consultation Meetings**

Consultation – Staff Meeting Summary		
Nature of Consultation:	Whitgreave Infant School and Whitgreave Junior School joint staff meeting	
Date:	10 October 2017	
Time:	3.45pm	
Location:	Whitgreave Junior School	
Officers in Attendance:	Dawn Long (School Organisation Officer) Lisa Johnson (School Organisation Officer) Marie Marenda (Human Resources Business Partner) Amanda Newbold (Senior School Improvement Advisor)	
Number of staff in attendance:  Others in attendance:	46 Unison (2) NASUWT (1)	
	Headteacher & Chair of Governors (until the floor was opened up to questions)	

## **Summary of Meeting**

- Introduction of Local Authority Officers in attendance
- The purpose of the meeting was explained
- The proposal was explained

The following questions and comments were raised:

- What would happen if the merger does not go ahead?
- Will there be any redundancies?

Consultation – Parents/Carers Meeting Summary		
Nature of Consultation:	Whitgreave Infant School and Whitgreave Junior School - Parents/Carers	
Date:	11 October 2017	
Time:	9.00 am	
Location:	Whitgreave Infant School	
Officers in Attendance:	Dawn Long (School Organisation Officer) Lisa Johnson (School Organisation Officer) Amanda Newbold (Senior School Improvement Advisor)	
Number of parents/carers in attendance:	11	
Others in attendance:	Headteacher Chair of Governors Business Manager	

- Introduction of Local Authority Officers in attendance
- The purpose of the meeting was explained
- The proposal was explained

The following questions and comments were raised by parents/carers:

- Would we have to apply in the same way for a Reception place?
- Will the timings of the school day change?
- Would the infant children move up to the junior site, that building be extended and close the infant building?
- Will we still use the separate entrances?

Consultation – Parents/Carers Meeting Summary		
Nature of Consultation:	Whitgreave Infant School and Whitgreave Junior School - Parents/Carers	
Date:	11 October 2017	
Time:	6.00 pm	
Location:	Whitgreave Junior School	
Officers in Attendance:	Dawn Long (School Organisation Officer) Lisa Johnson (School Organisation Officer) Amanda Newbold (Senior School Improvement Advisor)	
Number of parents/carers in attendance:	1 Headteacher	
Others in attendance:	Chair of Governors Governor	

- Introduction of Local Authority Officers in attendance
- The purpose of the meeting was explained
- The proposal was explained

The following questions and comments were raised by parents/carers:

- I did wonder where all the children would fit in one school building
- Things are very different moving from infant to the juniors
- I noticed in Year 3 the difficulties my son had adjusting to different ways of working
- I don't have a problem with the proposal, makes sense, I have no objections
- Sounds like it will benefit all round
- Children will be familiar with all staff
- Having a path to link the buildings would help
- I feel it is a shock for the infants when they move to the juniors as they get babied. Needs to all be the same, if beneficial for the children it is worth doing.

Consultation – Pupil Voice (School Council Meeting) Summary		
Nature of Consultation:	Whitgreave Infant School and Whitgreave Junior School – Joint Pupil Consultation	
Date:	11 October 2017	
Time:	10.00am	
Location:	Whitgreave Infant School	
Officers in Attendance:	Dawn Long (School Organisation Officer) Lisa Johnson (School Organisation Officer)	
Number of pupils in attendance:	23 (Year 1 – 6)	

- Introduction of Local Authority Officers in attendance
- The purpose of the meeting was explained by the Headteacher
- The proposal was explained by the Headteacher
- Pupils discussed the proposal in groups and then reported their opinions

The following questions and comments were raised by pupils:

- I think it is a good idea as Pupil Voice can help the infant children that are new
- Good idea, there would be less worries for the infant children
- It is a good idea as it would be one school with one Headteacher
- Good idea as not moving school just buildings
- I like the idea that we won't go to a different school just the upper class
- If you change the school and move it over it will save money and teachers can work across both schools
- If it is the same school we can all play together especially if you have brothers and sisters
- Good idea as we miss our teachers from Year 2 to Year 3 but will still see them if it is a primary
- Good idea, Year 2 can meet new people in Year 3 and won't be scared
- Good idea, everyone working together, other children can help
- Can make lots of friends and play with brothers and sisters
- Good idea, juniors have a tuck trolley and the infants could have a tuck trolley and could work on it. If hungry at break time can have a snack

- Two separate buildings could be a problem, could get messages sent to the wrong building accidently
- It's a long way to each school
- I want two separate schools as there is more space
- Worried if you don't know the teachers
- If you could win a school you could swap schools
- Both schools can be the best.

The pupils were asked to vote to show whether they supported the proposal or not. 21 pupils voted in favour of the proposal and 2 voted against.

Consultation – Governing Board Meeting Summary		
Nature of Consultation:	The Governing Board of Whitgreave Infant and Junior Schools	
Date:	19 October 2017	
Time:	4.00pm	
Location:	Whitgreave Infant School	
Officers in Attendance:	Dawn Long (School Organisation Officer) Lisa Johnson (School Organisation Officer) Amanda Newbold (Senior School Improvement Adviser) Marie Marenda (Human Resources Business Partner)	
Number of Governors in attendance:	13	

- Introduction of Local Authority Officers in attendance
- The purpose of the meeting was explained
- The proposal was explained

The following questions and comments were raised by Governors:

- What happens with contracts (catering/cleaning etc)? Could we start preparing in advance e.g. during the Summer Term?
- Have responses to consultation been positive?
- Staff will move across both buildings if the merger goes ahead.

The Chair thanked the Local Authority officers for their attendance and informative presentation.