

Appendix 3: Feedback to Children's Councillors at Primary schools

Dear Angela,

Thank you for sending us the feedback. It is clear that they (the children) have thought about the consequences both good and bad for the schools. The issue of making and maintaining friends is clearly important and they are quite right that any changes in a school, especially growth, does have impacts on friendship groups. Mental health within school was also mentioned, and while it is in the media frequently at the moment, it is great that children are talking about it and think that it is important to consider.

The flipcharts are excellent in that they clearly pick up on the issues of worry about schools being "too big" but also that bigger schools do mean more funding and resources. It is a dilemma, and one that we do constantly reassess to make sure the right decision is made about any expansion.

Also there is the fact that is not mentioned, that we cannot be in a position where children have no school place. Children having to travel too far to school because of lack of spaces locally mean that those children are disadvantaged when trying to form friendship groups.

Thank you for the feedback. It will be summarised and fed into the report that goes to the council Cabinet about the consultations.

Kind regards

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