

## Appendix 1 - Sandhurst Amalgamation - Consultation Responses

ID	Do you support the proposal?	Reason - What are the reasons for your views?
1	Yes	The schools have been run together for the past few years and it make sense that these changes become permanent then there can be more cohesion within the school in terms of admin and fundraising so that the school can be more efficient on saving costs.
2	Yes	The rationale/benefits outlined by both Governing Bodies as well as the reasons that the council supports the proposal make it seem like an obvious thing to do, one which has numerous benefits, which benefit the staff and pupils.
3	Yes	Having two separate schools with separate heads etc has always seemed to me to be a bit unnecessary and arbitrary, especially as most children who start in the infants progress all the way through the school. Mrs Dove is a great headteacher - visible, compassionate, and organised - and an excellent leader for the school. Ours is a big school with many families in need, and it will be important to ensure that this merger doesn't lead to support services (including school admin) being cut back.
4	Yes	The school will run more smoothly as a whole school. The students and staff will only benefit from this!
5	Yes	The separation of the schools is largely artificial as they share the same site and facilities, and there is automatic transfer between the two schools. Now we have the same Head for both schools her job is made harder by this division. Amalgamating the schools would allow the school to concentrate resources better and make official what is essentially happening already.
6	Yes	My child started attending Sandhurst Nursery School in 2010, the school has been well managed as two schools and we have been very happy there. However, in the past few years, I have seen a marked improvement with the leadership and management at the school since we have had an executive head across both schools and it feels much more community based and welcoming. I understand that resources can be much better shared when the schools are amalgamated.
7	Yes	Better for pupils, shared use of infant/junior play grounds. Better opportunities for teachers working across age groups. Improved systems for parent payments online via junior school systems. Greater leadership role modelling of older pupils for younger pupils. Financial savings by bigger group purchasing power and reduced admin staff costs. Most parents assume it is already one school. Able to secure experienced head teacher for Infant pupils.
8	Yes	Cheaper, more effective, simpler, smarter, ultimately better for our children.