

## Appendix 1 – Torricon Amalgamation Responses

How would you best describe yourself?	Do you support the proposal to amalgamate Torricon Infant and Nursery School and Torricon Junior School?	What are the reasons for your views?
I am a parent/carer	Yes	Reduction of disruption to pupils as they transition from year 2 to 3
I am a parent/carer	Yes	I think it would be much better for our children's education to continue through one school without the upheaval of a change for Year 3 and to reap the benefits of a bigger site.
I am a local resident	No	We believe this will cause more congestion with parents continually blocking residents drives.
I am a parent/carer	Yes	This would be the best thing for both schools and should have happened years ago.
I am a parent/carer	Yes	<p>I just wanted to write to say I am pleased that the infant and junior school will be merging, but I wanted to write just to explain how important I feel it is that we do not lose the unique and amazing qualities that the infant school brings. As a parent I have to place my trust in the governors of the school and so I think it is important as a parent to share my experiences of having children at both schools. Before having children I taught for 10 years at a lovely school and was pleased when my son attended Torricon infants to see that he was receiving a caring, creative and inspiring education just like I would give any child I was teaching. However my eldest is now at the juniors and I have to say that each year at the juniors has been a disappointment. Although Mrs Hawthorne as an interim head teacher has given us hope and a vision forward this is much appreciated. The point of this letter is not to moan about the junior school but to say that please when you appoint the head for both schools- please do take into account that the infants school is amazing – the staff are fantastic, they care about the children so much, the curriculum is beautifully creative, the homework and out of school activities are fantastic. So please when you interview, remember that it would be disastrous to lose what the infant school has spent years building. Just things as simple as homework - the homework that Mrs Pope put together is wonderfully creative and so encourages parent and child doing activities together, it is such a delight to take part in creative activities with my child. We mustn't lose this in the merge; rather, hopefully the good practice of the infants will be spread rather than diminished. I know that the merge is generally a positive step but only if the right person is appointed. I believe the new head will need to understand the holistic, fun and creative approach to learning in the infant school and be prepared to acknowledge what is good /outstanding in the school and work with it. I believe without this approach what we have with the infants will be lost and that would be really sad.</p>

I am a local resident	Yes	Improved care and teaching. Less management
I am a parent/carer	Yes	I think under one management the school will get a good results
I am a parent/carer	Yes	It's a great idea to bring the school together, financially and for the benefit of the students
I am a parent/carer	Yes	I believe it will give my daughter a better transition from the infants and allow for a consistent teaching approach across the years. Also believe one primary school would be a more attractive option for recruiting the best candidate for the vacant headteacher role.
I am a parent/carer	Yes	
I am a parent/carer	Yes	I think that the amalgamation will bring positive changes and that the children will benefit from these changes
I am a local resident	Yes	I am a prospective parent. I support the amalgamation because it will provide continuity for the children going from the Infants to the Juniors as one school. Both schools will see benefits by amalgamating as a lot of the services can be used for both schools which will have a financial benefit as well
I am a parent/carer	Yes	i am a former governor. This is a fantastic opportunity for both schools - efficiency of resourcing, career progression for staff / easier to recruit, continuity
I am a parent/carer	Yes	I think it is a brilliant decision that will make the full primary experience for the children better. The schools are right next to each other and all the children move from Infants to Juniors, so having them all in one, sharing resources, ideas, learning. Governing body, head, etc will be able to do joint initiatives and projects. I can't wait! It's exciting to move ahead. Good luck with finding a head.
I am a parent/carer	Yes	To improve the school, not like the school need to improve , is already a fantastic school and looking forward for a better and best school. We can all take this great opportunity and be part of it.
I am a school governor	Yes	The amalgamation will ensure continuity for all our children, The school leadership can ensure that the pace is maintained between Years 2 & 3 and ensure appropriate differentiation for each pupil. The amalgamation should offer greater career development for staff within the school. Contracts can be streamlined ensuring that the money is focused on the classroom. The use of the site can be reviewed. It is the right thing to do.
I am a parent/carer	Yes	
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I am a local resident	Yes	Nieces in the school