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Statutory consultation change of age range at Willows Centre for Children

CONSULTATION RESULTS

	Parent	Governor	Staff	Other	TOTAL
For	27	0	0	1	28
Against	4	0	0	0	4
TOTAL	31	0	0	1	32

The Following Comments were received

- There needs to be more school places for SEN children. If this is going to create this then that's good. I hope Willows keeps its outstanding standards with the expansion and Year R - 2 get opportunity to access swimming as other SEN schools provide.
- With the lack of spaces currently available for children with special educational needs, allowing The Willows to have a year 1 class would take the pressure off (slightly although nowhere near what is required) the City, which would benefit and be in the best interest for the children concerned. Many children like my son [REDACTED] need the settings, environments and specialist teaching to learn which schools like the Willows provide. Mainstream schools with additional classroom, support is nowhere near the same.
- My husband and I fully support this proposal.
- This is a brilliant idea for the children + Willows.
- Anything that means that the children in the present year R can have consistency for the next couple of years by staying in place instead of going to another school for year 1 is positive.
- I support the proposal. But 1 concern: is there enough outdoor space for children? If condition permits I hope they can build another playground for year 1 children!
- This is a good idea as the children with additional needs, will get extra time to try get themselves ready for even bigger transition.
- I fully support the proposal for Year 1 provision at Willows. My daughter is currently in Year R and having been at Willows for 3 years already, I believe this to be her best option for September 2018.
- I think this is a very good proposal and I am in complete support of this.
- I think the proposal sounds reasonable, however would the facilities accommodate the extra children?

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- Make sure there is enough out door space for the children
- Collection & drop off time is already busy as it is, More children & parents would (I feel) cause more problems with security to the building. I would also worry about the quality of care if there are increased numbers, staff are already stretched. I understand the centre is for special needs as well but I find 7 year olds would make it more a school & not a nursery. I also feel 7 years old is too old to be around 2 year olds.
Also if plans are to start Sept 2018, how are you going to extend the building to accommodate these children!
- I have just received the letter regarding Willows age range increasing to 2-7 Years. We currently have a son in pre-school, will you be able to confirm that the new Year 1's will be separate to the Pre-school as I am not keen on my 3 year old mixing with for example with a 7 year old for an extended period of time. As they have totally different needs.
- [REDACTED] has been waiting long enough for a placement at Mary Rose. With him turning 5 next week, it is time for him to move on to where he needs to be long term.
- It would be of great relief to know that my child continues to have the same support that he is having now up till year 1. I have only amazing reviews to give for all the staff who work here and show a clear understanding of all children!