

Blossom Vale Consultation

Consultation began on the 12th June and ran for 5 weeks. A letter was sent to all parents of children within the first and middle school (see Appendix 1).

53 responses were received:

52 agreed to Abbey Park Schools Federation running and managing Blossom Vale Children's Centre.

1 did not agree.

Comments:

Did not agree:

- I would like the children's centre to remain independent from the school.

Agreed:

- I agree as long as it does not drain the school's funding.
- They most definitely should continue to offer additional services.
- As long as it's not a massive distraction for the leadership team (ie. I would like a prominent focus on the top end of school) then this seems to make sense.
- Any support which adds to the social and emotional health of the children and families is vital.
- When my children attended Holy Redeemer School I never heard about Blossom Vale services like I did when my children were in Federation schools. An under promoted service. It would be excellent to see it blossom for the whole community.
- Using the children's centre space to enable Early Years support is critical to the local community. Too much support has ended leading to speech and language delays and missed opportunities to prevent distress and harm to children and their families.
- I agree that the Federation is best placed to take over the children's centre and trust that it will not be a financial burden to the Federation but will in effect be self-funding.
- As long as the funding is available and resources aren't taken from the first and middle school.
- I think this is a brilliant idea. I have got 2 children and always found the Blossom Vale centre was a great help. I would love to be involved in more courses.
- I think its great that other activities are put on for families that children aren't at school or in the holidays.
- Any extra facilities would be of great benefit to the school and people in the area.