

Appendix 4 : School Organisation Consultation Responses – St Benedict’s.

Quantitative and Qualitative Analysis

Summary Table

Number of responses	10
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Method of response	
BeHeard	8
Email	2
Letter	0

Number in favour or against the proposal	
In favour	7
Against	3
Don't know	0
Not indicated	0

Respondent by type	
Parent	2
Pupil	1
Member of Staff	2
Local resident	5
Local Councillor	0

Comment Themes	
Difficult to get children to different schools if nursery closes.	2/10
Children will go to neighbouring all through academy in future if nursery closes.	2/10
Nursery should stay open	2/10
Great school for children with special educational needs	2/10
Many other nurseries available locally.	2/10
Nursery important for pupil's start in life/development.	2/10

School Organisation: St Benedict's Primary School Consultation Responses by email.

Email One

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, April 28, 2021 9:56 AM
To: Edsi Enquiries <edsi.enquiries@birmingham.gov.uk>
Subject: St.benedicts primary school

To whom it may concern

I am sending you this email regarding st.benedicts nursery closure. All the children from my family and friends went to st.benedicts school. I still have a child who attend this school. My youngest child started school from nursery and now he is in year [REDACTED]. I think it's a shame to close the nursery. When nursery closed more pupils will leave st.benedicts school. I know that for fact, that my children started school from nursery and then carry on from there. If council close nursery then more children will attend Ark Victoria Academy school, down the road. All the stuff in st.benedicts are lovely and friendly. My youngest who is [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]. I hope you reconsider your decision to close the nursery.

Kind regards

Email Two

-----Original Message-----

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, April 28, 2021 12:29 PM
To: Edsi Enquiries <edsi.enquiries@birmingham.gov.uk>
Subject: [REDACTED]

Hi sorry to say don't you think school is over crowd with kid which they took kids from other school and that open again and this year school want close nursery doing that you are making difficult for parents to drop kid in 2 school this school all way start from nursery to year 7 this change affect lots of people I think nursery should say open that's how school was designed to serve local community [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

School Organisation Proposal: St Benedict's Primary School BeHeard website responses

Response ID	Response type	In favour	Comments
ANON-GZVM-P5NM-4	Staff Member	No	<p>As the majority of our intake for reception this coming September are from our Nursery, closing the nursery will ensure we have zero intake for the following september. What do the LA intend to do to ensure the school remains viable? If the nursery is closed and the intake removed, this will place further financial strain on the school and eventually lead to the closure of a fantastic school offering above and beyond for children with complex SEN and Social, Emotional and Mental Health needs. In the long term, the closure of the nursery is going to make the school unviable going forward - this seems unproductive.</p> <p>The school is only under so much financial pressure and short on numbers, due to the LA allowing the Ark Academy in Oldknow Road to extend from Secondary only to all through - we were assured this would not affect our numbers and that we would continue to be funding. The enforced closure of the nursery, which will result in zero catchment for our future intake seems to imply the LA which to enforce full closure on a wonderful school.</p>
ANON-GZVM-P5NP-7	Local Resident	Yes	Many other nurseries available within minutes of each other.
ANON-GZVM-P5N5-C	Staff Member	No	<p>I have had the pleasure of working at St Benedict's Primary school for ■■■ years and spent ■■■ years working in the Nursery. We offer the children a fabulous start to their school lives and give them many experiences that so many wouldn't otherwise have enjoyed. All of our children make fabulous progress whatever their starting point and that is due to the amazing relationship we share with all of the families and the care that we give to each and every child. It will be a very sad day for the staff and local community if St Benedict's Nursery is forced to close.</p>
ANON-GZVM-P5NZ-H	Local Resident	Yes	
ANON-GZVM-P5N3-A	Pupil	No	Nursery should remain open. It's a great local facility which has been here for years. I was once a student myself at this nursery. Nursery is very important to kick start a child's development.
ANON-GZVM-P5NQ-8	Local Resident	Yes	There is no need for a nursery at this age group or even setting up primary years years 3-6 due to the numerous amount of local schools within walking distance of this school that can cater for this.
ANON-GZVM-P5NE-V	Local Resident	No	<p>I think children range 3 to 11 years must remain.</p> <p>Ages 4 to 11 years will only mean years 3's having to travel further for education and parents having to juggle sending kids to a different school for a year.</p> <p>It is simply not viable when St Benedict's can provide this education already and are trying to abolish this with no good justification.</p>
ANON-GZVM-P5NY-G	Local Resident	No	