

Consultation Response from Hollinswood Infant Parent

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To: School Organisation

Subject: Hollinswood Schools

Dear Jules Millington,

I attended the meeting at Hollinswood Infant School this week and gained the answers to the questions we had. While I agree that a Primary School is obviously a better system for children avoiding the 'new school' issue at the end of year 2 I still have concerns as a parent about the geographical difference between the 2 schools.

As discussed at the meeting the structure of the new school day would be up to the 'new' school to organise. As the current Infant/Junior school system works there is a 5 minute difference between the schools to allow parents to pick children up. I have 2 children my son is in reception and my daughter is nearly 3. So for example when my son is in year 2 my daughter will be in reception and could be in different buildings starting at the same time. It will be impossible to be in 2 places at once.

Also the benefit of a Primary school is that there is no 'new school experience', from the meeting it was suggested that the year groups would be spilt up and a mix of year groups between the schools. This way it would cause unsettlement each year as year 1 they could be in Infant building, next year in Junior then back to the Infants. The other option would be to keep the lower school in the 'Infants' and the upper school in the 'Juniors' but this is going to cause the same issues of a 'new school' which you are claiming you are trying to avoid.

I agree that a Primary school is the better system but with Hollinswood Infant and Junior I don't believe this to be the case due to the building layout of the 2 schools. As you have said in the meeting all the other school mergers within Telford are joined building without the seperation like our school.

I believe if these plans were to go ahead it would cause more unsettlement each year for the children, than the one move from year 2 to year 3.

I hope my views will be taken into account when the decision is made.
Many Thanks