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Parent Consultation Meeting
Harlescott Junior School & Sundorne Infants

50 parents in attendance

Q: Are you going to let us know about children below Year 6?

A: Yes. PowerPoint presentation shown and discussed.

Q: If there is a new build will it be before 4 years?

A: If we were successful in bidding for a new school it would still take time to locate a site and for the building to be constructed.

Q: Is transport definitely free? Rumour it is £2.00 per day.

A: Yes transport will be provided at the start and end of the school day.

Q: Should there be a consultation board made up of parents/governors etc?

A: It's an interesting idea but not the way the current consultation is being organised.

Q: Why did you choose it that way round? Upper at Sundorne School and Lower at The Grange School?

A: The Grange is an improving school and Sundorne has better outcomes over time.

Q: Why did we not know in September/October? We were not told until after we made our decision. Our decision for secondary preferences would have been completely different had we known all of this before?

A: We had not finalised proposals in September 2014.

Q: Could current Year 6 change to The Grange then at some point?

A: It would depend on which proposal was actioned but it is very unlikely.

Q: My son is in Year 4 – with 4 years to new build he will be going to 3 possible schools – split site school was not what I envisaged for my son.

A: If we can get the money we will plan to develop one site. This will be decided by what stakeholders want.

Q: The Grange has good facilities – Hair & Beauty, Mechanics so it wouldn't be a completely upper and lower school site?

A: You're right. Students currently move from site to site to access these facilities and would continue to do so.

Q: Why is consultation not before the press?

A: The press leaked this information without our permission.

Q: How long is the consultation process?

A: The consultation is for 6 weeks.

Q: When will results be shared after consultation?

A: Boxes to be shared. Powerpoint to be shared with stakeholders and put on the website.

Q: Where do you plan to build the new school if you get the money? You must have an idea of a new build.

A: Looking to develop one site but we need to secure the money before we are able to choose a location.

Children who go to the infants and juniors will want to go to the secondary.

Consultation period not long enough.

Action: longer consultation period.

Consultation with pupils.

Action: pupil questionnaire to feeder primary schools