

Change of Age Range Consultation - Newton School

Introduction

Between 18th June and 30th July 2012 Cumbria County Council conducted a consultation exercise seeking the views of stakeholders and the local community on the possibility of a change of age range at Newton School. The proposal would allow Newton School to change from its current 4-11 age range to a 3-11 age range school.

Summary of Responses

A total of 63 people responded during the consultation period. All 63 were in the form of completed questionnaires received by post. Those responding included a school governing body, councillor and headteacher of a local school. In addition there were also separate responses from the children of Newton School (see attached summary).

Overall 98% (62) of respondents supported the proposal to change the age range of Newton School and 2% (1) were against the proposal.

35% (22) of all respondents are parents. 11% (7) are prospective parents. 2% (1) of respondents are a school governing body, 10% (6) are governors, and 17% (11) are staff. 44% (28) of respondents were not parents, staff or governors. Figures may not add up to 100% as multiple categories were selectable.

17% (11) of respondents who stated an address were within the catchment areas of the school (the others were mainly from Dalton in Furness CE, George Romney/Chapel, Roose and Yarlside catchments).

Q1.

Do you support the proposal for change of age range to establish a maintained nursery provision?

All 63 respondents answered this question, 62 were in favour and 1 against the proposal.

Q2.

Additional Comments

28 respondents made additional comments including:-

Comment	Frequency
This change would be very beneficial to many people/school.	8
Believe this is a much needed facility for both this school and the community.	7
It will fill the gap between the playgroup and reception giving children a smooth transition.	4
It will help the future of the School.	3

This school has an excellent location for the nursery and rich surroundings.	2
The proposed 3-11 age range is an excellent idea	2
Would have liked to have sent our children to the nursery this year.	2
It would be a natural progression in response to increasing roll numbers and the thriving Parent/Toddler group.	2
Should be well supported by local young families.	1
Newton and its surrounding area have a very poor choice of Nursery Schools.	1
In full support for the proposed nursery.	1
Fabulous School.	1
No other nursery resources in the area.	1
Newton School has a lot to offer children of all ages.	1
It had a good Ofsted report and the children of Nursery provision can only enhance the school.	1
This would be a great addition to the already wonderful school.	1
The nursery will allow children a solid foundation to grow on (imperative for the Newton).	1
Don't see why they don't already have one.	1
Feel the nursery will keep the children within their local community.	1
Dalton St Mary's has a nursery and could accommodate Newton's children.	1