

Academy status - Parents Consultation – 6th June to 6th July 2018

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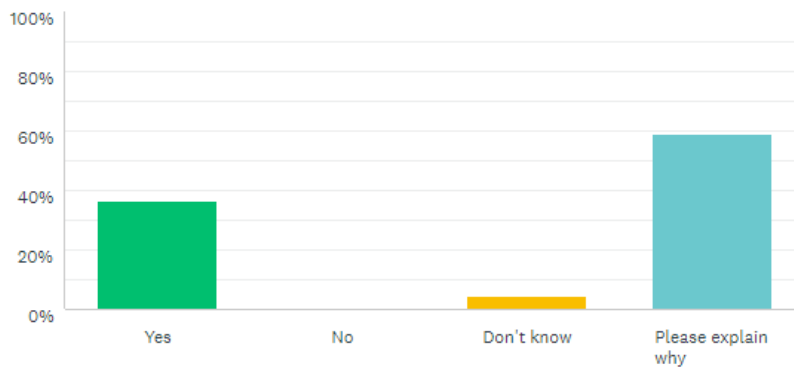
- All families with children at Horndon-on-the-Hill CofE Primary School, including the nursery.
- All families of children due to start in Reception in September 2018, who do not attend the nursery.
- Local residents in Hillcrest Ave, Mill Lane and on the High Road (approximately 70).
- Members of the congregation of St Peter's & St Paul's church, Horndon (approximately 25).

In total 23 responses were received during the period of consultation. 22 were returned to Horndon School. One was returned to The Osborne Trust by a local resident. Their only comment was that the school needed to sort out parking before it did anything else.

Q1

Do you agree that Horndon School school become an Academy?

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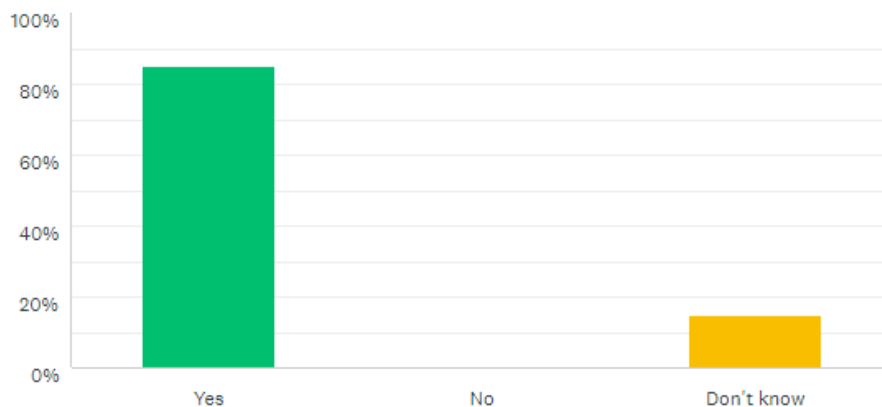


- I am not really sure how it will affect my daughter. I am hoping it will be a positive move.
- I feel it will give the school and the children better opportunities.
- After attending the meeting, I see this as an opportunity for the school, as long as nothing the school does will change.
- For the reasons mentioned at the consultation meeting.
- I believe this would provide an opportunity for everyone.
- I believe it would be beneficial both financially and in sharing knowledge and resources.
- Probably has no choice as otherwise it would be isolated as the only local 'independent' Primary School.
- If everything discussed in the meeting is exactly how the Academy works, I can only think it will be a positive move.
- Ultimately it's all down to the economies of scale, both with funding, but also shared expertise.
- Better funding for children & staff. Strong foundations providing better opportunities.
- Better opportunities for the children.
- It will be a good thing for the school with other schools as support. All schools have to be academies eventually.
- Impressive presentation from Osborne, economies of scale, but mainly security for future of the school in Horndon.

Q2

Do you agree with Horndon School joining the Osborne Trust?

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- I think the decision has already been made, so this is a formality.
- As St Clere's School is a large part of the Academy and this would be my preferred secondary school for my children, I believe this would make their schooling more streamlined.
- Close links for years with what was St Clere's and also see above.
- They seem very positive and confident they will help improve the school and maintain its standards.
- As above, plus the location/geography makes sense in that our children will probably stay within the Trust throughout their schooling.
- It has a lot of local schools in it.
- Would like to understand more.

Q3

What would you like the Academy to provide for pupils and the community "beyond the school day"?

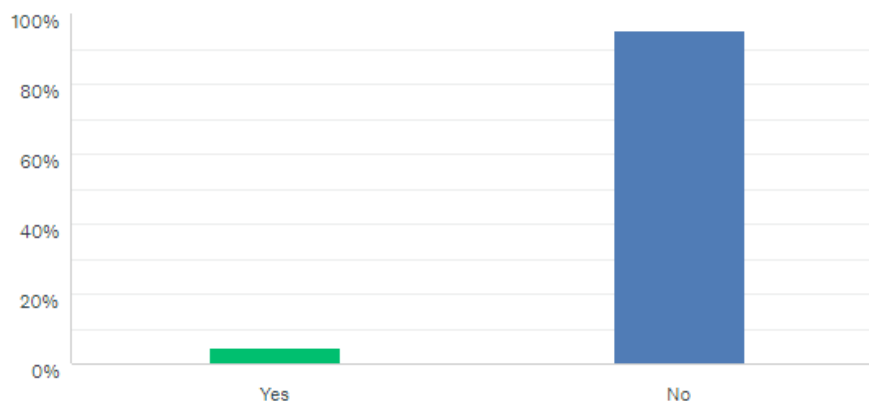
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- At the moment the school provides lots of clubs so I hope this continues.
- The opportunity for all children to participate in more sports, arts and academic courses.
- Sports Clubs. Extra classes for talented children so they are given extra work to push them.
- I would like it to remain the same. What the school provides at the moment is great for me as a working parent.
- After school clubs including sports.
- To continue with the great clubs already provided and continue working and participating in village life.
- After school clubs (wider variety) Greater childcare provision - longer hours in the morning
- Nothing beyond what is already done.
- After school clubs.
- Breakfast & after school clubs.
- Provision of various clubs - sports, craft & music.
- No comment as have no school age children.
- Christian based Group/Club for pupils.
- It would be great to have an art club of some form.
- It sounds as though they currently do a lot anyway.
- More not so well known sports such as golf and hockey. Some more opportunities for children that need development. More music and sign language.
- The same as it does already.
- Improved ICT facilities and use of outside of school hours. Also continuation of current provision of before and after school clubs.
- Sports/social clubs for children.

Q4

Do you feel that the proposed Academy raises any equality issues?

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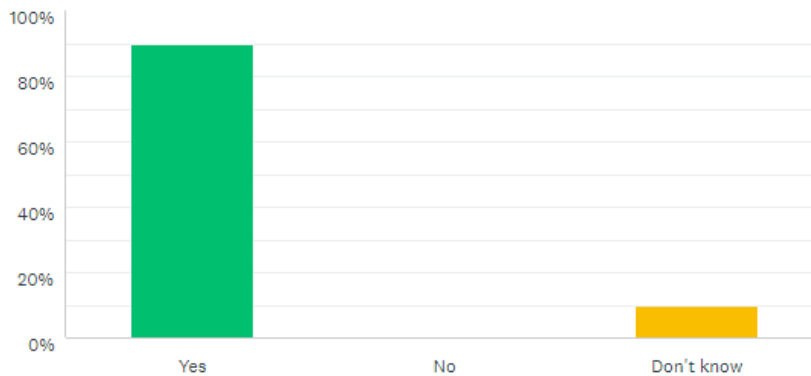
- Not that I can think of.
- All the schools in the Academy have diverse backgrounds coming together and as long as HOTH remains a CofE school, I believe this will broaden the equality.
- Not that I am aware of.

- Admission policy is not clearly stated. In terms of feeder schools distance HOTH ranks 2nd behind Stanford 1 mile; Arthur Bugler 2.2miles; East Tilbury 2.9miles and Thameside 5.7miles. IT would be good if there was a clearer statement of the current & possible future admissions policy bearing in mind the max Year 7 pupil entry at St Clere's & the four local primary schools with potentially a greater number of pupils seeking entry to St Clere's.
- It appears that the Trust have plans in place to cater for some other schools that may have budgeting issues before they could, potentially, join the Trust so “no”.

Q5

Do you support the proposal for Horndon School to convert to a Primary Academy and join the Osborne Trust?

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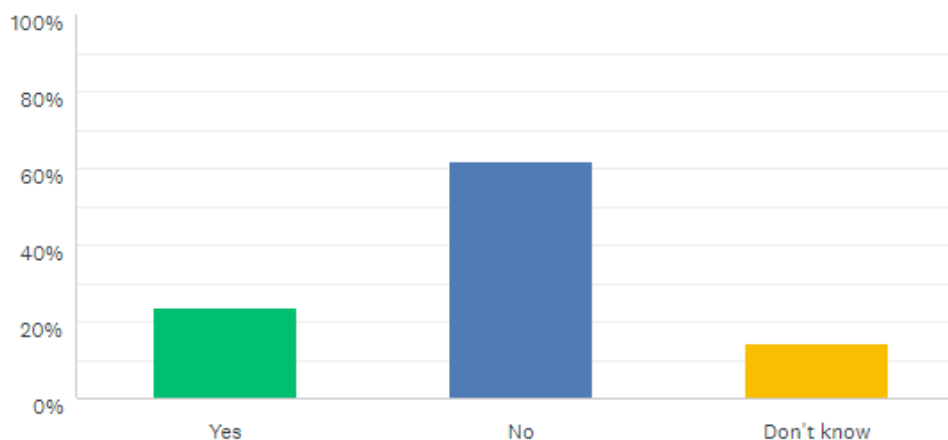


- It seems like a very good idea in practice. I hope it is in reality.
- Consultation document didn't provide sufficient information, however subsequent research provided answers and clarity.
- As already said HOTH primary has no choice but to become an Academy and St Clere's is a great opportunity for pupils.
- As per Q1.
- Need more info.

Q6

Do you have any comments/concerns we should think about?

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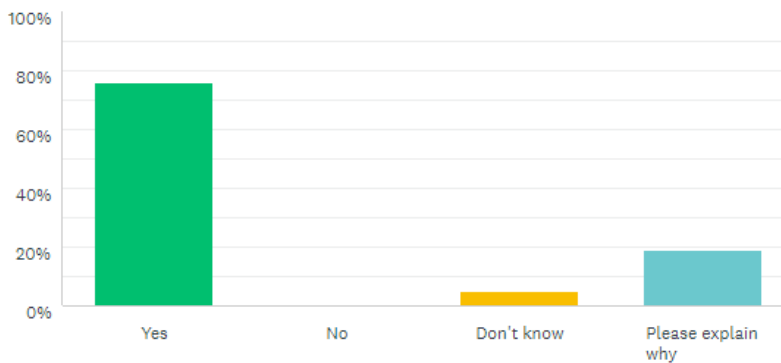
- I think lots of questions were raised at the consultation evening.
- We are keen that this remains a CoFE school with an emphasis on Christianity. Thank you
- Maintain the Christian Ethos
- Like I said if nothing changes within the school. We are happy with what the Osborne Co-operative Academy Trust could bring to the school.
- We would be interested in how the performance at the Trust is monitored and managed. A comparison both pre and post Academy may be useful.
- See response to Q4 regarding Admissions policy.

- My only concern is that we did not question the disadvantages of joining the Trust. If there are any, maybe parents could be made aware of them.
- I think it was all covered in the meeting on 18 June.
- All my concerns were put at ease in the presentation, being: school remains in Horndon; no more than 30 pupils per class; ring fencing of PTA fundraising for Horndon school; only qualified teachers and no schools with financial difficulties joining the Trust and taking funds from Horndon school.
- Need more info.

Q7

Do you agree that the Secretary of State for Education should support the conversion of Horndon School to become an Academy by agreeing to fund this opportunity?

Answered: 21 Skipped: 1



- I think this has already been agreed so not really sure why you are asking this.
- Already stated.
- The building requires structural improvement & modernising. Also some facilities for the children e.g. toilets, water fountains and storage are in dire need of improvement.
- Need more info.

Q8

About you

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