

Consultation feedback report – Proposal to change the age range at Widden Primary School

Consultation report: The proposal seeks to permanently extend the age range of Widden Primary School from 4-11 to 2-11 years from October 2022.

Gloucestershire County Council (GCC) has asked people for their views about permanently extending the age range of Widden Primary School from 4-11 to 2-11 years from October 2022.

Background

Gloucestershire County Council has formally sought the views on plans to extend the age range of Widden Primary School.

If this proposal is accepted, Widden Primary School would extend the age range from 4-11 to 2-11 years from October 2022.

How was the consultation carried out?

- The consultation took place over a four-week period between 7th March 2022 and 1st April 2022. The school was provided with copies of the consultation document.
- A document was provided to all pupils to take home to their parents/carers which identified how they could access more information on the proposals and how to provide feedback. We encouraged electronic responses to minimise paperwork and the risks associated with the COVID pandemic.
- An electronic response form, a webpage and an email address were also used to obtain feedback.
- 4 questionnaire responses were received, all 4 electronically. One submission was made via email.

What happens next?

Based on the findings of this report the Cabinet Member for Economy, Education and Skills will consider the feedback and make a decision on whether the Council should proceed to issuing a Statutory Notice to propose permanently extending the age range at Widden Primary School from 4-11 to 2-11 years from October 2022 and on conversion to academy status.

Questionnaire and website responses

Who had their say?

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A total of 4 questionnaire responses were received from stakeholders and one email. The email respondent did not give any details of which category below to which they belonged.

Respondents were asked to identify themselves as belonging to one or more groups of respondents. The breakdown of who responded is given in the table below:

Are you a ...	Number of responses
Parent/carer with a child currently at Widden Primary School	3
Parent/carer with child currently at another local school	0
Parent/carer with a pre-school child	0
School staff	0
Governor	0
Local resident	1
Elected representative	0
Other	0

NB. Respondents may have identified themselves in multiple categories.

Letter and email responses

One email response was received.

What did they say?

Respondents were also asked: To what extent do you agree or disagree that Widden Primary School should change its age range from 4-11 years to 2-11 years?

This question received 4 responses. Of these, 4 agreed or strongly agreed. The email response also indicated that they were in favour of the proposal.

Conclusions from the consultation

Four questionnaire responses and one email were received. All five respondents were in favour of the proposal.

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Based on the findings of this report the Cabinet Member for Economy, Education and Skills will consider the feedback and make a decision on whether the Council should proceed to issuing a Statutory Notice to extend the age range of the school.