



Bramshall Meadows First School

Consultation Report

July 2021

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Over what period did your consultation take place?

Wednesday 12th May to Wednesday 23rd June

How were consultation materials disseminated?

- Bramshall Meadows First School Website – www.bramshallmeadows.org.uk
- Social media: Twitter @Bramshall_First, Facebook @BramshallMeadowsFirstSchool Instagram @BramshallMeeadows_FirstSchool
- Additional social media via Twitter @UttoxeterTrust
- Virtual consultation event Wednesday 9th June
- Dedicated email for comments and questions
- Survey via Survey Monkey
- Press release circulated to local media

A list of the respondents and stakeholders you proactively engaged with in the consultation process:

- Local residents and parents – Bramshall Meadows Estate, plus surrounding ST14 area
- Residents within the Uttoxeter and Staffordshire area
- Parents, Carers, and employees of the Uttoxeter Learning Trust
- Governors, Trustees and Members of the Uttoxeter Learning Trust
- Headteachers of the wider pyramid of Uttoxeter Schools
- Staffordshire County Council Cabinet
- Staffordshire Councillors and County Council staff
- Local MP
- Diocese representatives
- Professional associations

Information made available to consultees:

The Bramshall Meadows First School website offered details of the proposed opening date, the reasoning behind a need for a new first school in the area, the school's vision, mission and values, intention to recruit into reception and nursery, draft admissions policy, details of the virtual consultation event, an expression of interest form and details of how to make contact with the steering group.

Information provided about the school's location:

The location on the Bramshall Meadows development and a map indicating the approximate location and proposed catchment area.

Did your consultation specifically ask respondents to confirm whether they agreed that the Secretary of State should enter into a funding agreement with your trust to open your new free school?

Yes

How many respondents in total did you get to this specific question?

111

How many of the respondents agreed that the Secretary of State should enter into a funding agreement?

103

What issues were raised by respondents about any part of your consultation?

- The availability of places for students in the middle and high schools when the new school opens
- How parking, pick up and drop off will be managed
- The provisions that will be in place for wraparound care
- SEND provision
- Links with the community

What is the trust's response to each of these issues?

The availability of places for students in the middle and high schools when the new school opens

Currently there are places available in all three middle schools within the Uttoxeter Learning Trust: Windsor Park CoE Middle (the school's feeder middle school), Ryecroft CoE Middle School and Oldfields Hall Middle School. Staffordshire County Council produce pupil projections based on a cluster area linked to current demographics and an expected child yield from new housing developments. Where there is projected to be a need for additional school places from new housing (as is the case in Uttoxeter), Section 106 contributions are requested from each developer to contribute towards these additional places.

In terms of middle school provision, Oldfields Hall Middle School has recently completed a consultation in relation to a proposal to expand the middle school by 30 places per year group from September 2025. The proposal includes a new teaching block and multi-use hall and will be discussed at a Staffordshire County Council cabinet meeting in August 2021. The first Year 4 cohort from Bramshall Meadows First School would progress to Year 5 in September 2027.

In terms of High school provision, pupil projections will continue to be monitored to determine the delivery date for any additional places.

How parking, pick up and drop off will be managed

As with all new schools, parents and carers will be encouraged to find sustainable means of travel to school, especially as the expectation is that most families will be living locally on the Bramshall

Meadows estate. The County Council's Modeshift STARS programme (nationally accredited sustainable travel planning) will support this through communication with parents and pupils via the school.

Parents dropping children off will not be allowed to access the school site and any parking on site will be for staff and school visitors only. This is to ensure the safety of staff and pupils. There will be a pupil storage area for bikes and scooters on the school site. Parents and carers will, however, be expected to comply with whatever traffic enforcement is in place through the estate which will include signs and road markings and show consideration towards our neighbours.

The school will consider whether staggered start and end times would be beneficial to managing the start and end of the school day. With the initial intake for September 2022 comprising of reception and nursery pupils only, it is envisaged that the school will be able to revise their procedures as the school grows.

The provisions that will be in place for wraparound care

We will offer access to before- and after-school care for working parents and carers from when the new school opens. The detail of provision will be shared during the next academic year.

SEND provision

We will be publishing our SEND policy on the website from September 2021 which will make clear the ways in which we will support pupils at Bramshall Meadows First School. The leadership of the school will welcome contact from parents and carers who wish to discuss the needs of their children prior to the school opening in September 2022. First schools within the trust have a close relationship with the middle schools and consequently the high school which supports a strong transition into the next stage of the pupil's education.

Links with the community

Community access is part of the trust's plans for Bramshall Meadows First School reflecting the positive relationships that already exist in and around the trust. Consideration will be given to opportunities for lettings of the main hall, the grounds and other suitable rooms in line with appropriate staffing levels within the school and the needs of the community.

Signed (by lead proposer or chair of trustees):

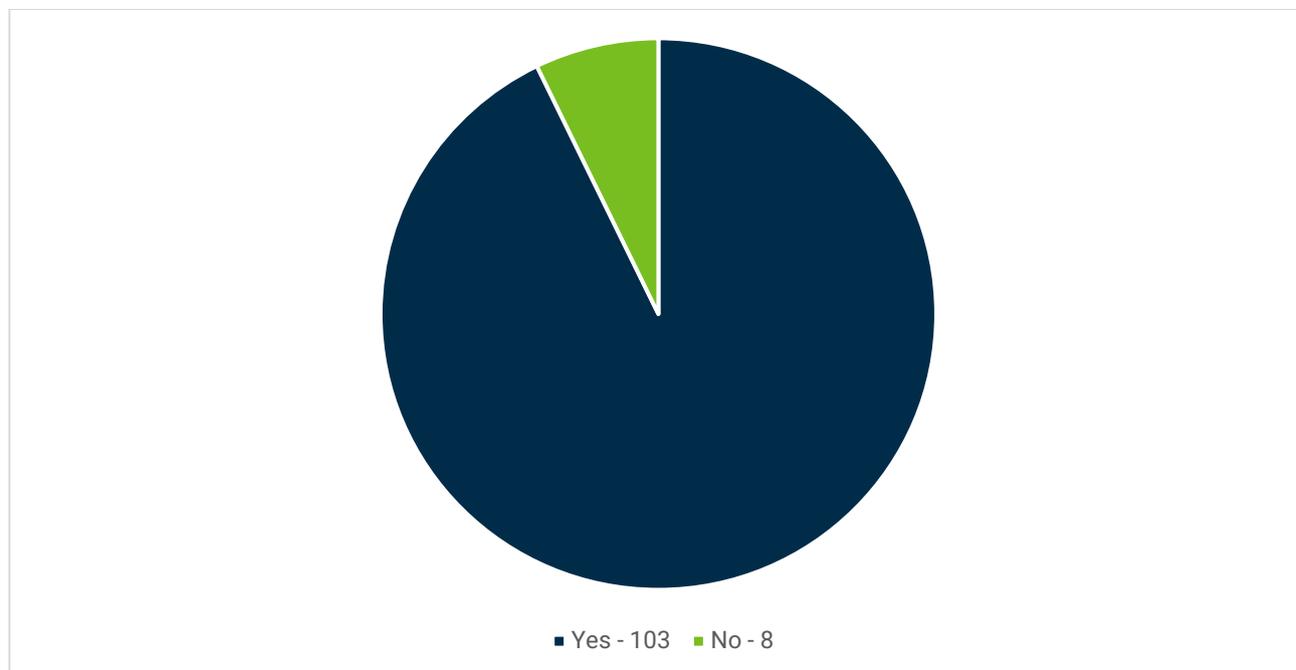
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Role: Chief Executive Officer - Uttroter Learning Trust

Date: 20/07/2021

Survey Questions & Responses

Q1 Do you agree that opening the proposed Bramshall Meadows First School will meet the need to provide additional school places in the locality?



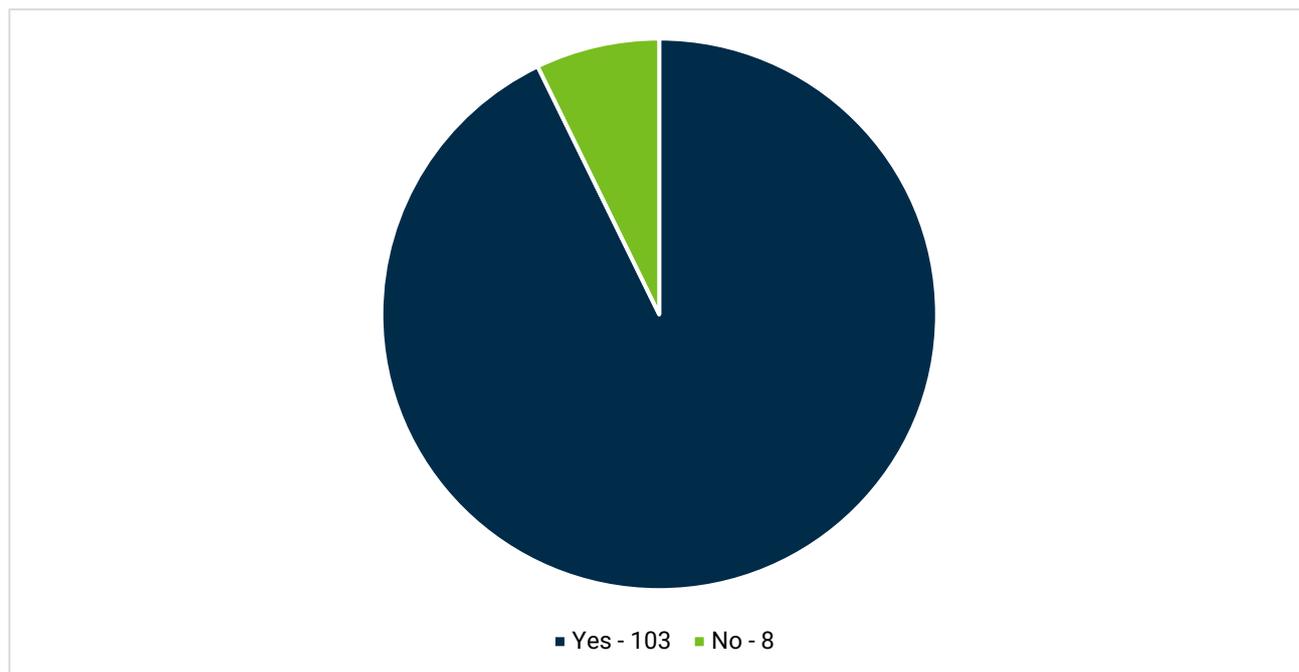
93% of respondents agreed that opening Bramshall Meadows First School would meet the need to provide additional places in the locality.

Comments:

- The opening of the school will require extra places to be available at the middle schools and secondary school.
- However, there will still be a need for places for older children as they move through the school years. The more housing we have the more children will need schooling, and that doesn't just stop at first school level. Can the middle and high schools cope with increased numbers filtering into them?
- Yes- if the school opens to all year groups from the start rather than reception and building up every year. I work in a school that did this and we see forever adapting the curriculum and despite ofsted grading it 'good with outstanding features' twice, it took 7 years to get it where we wanted which wasn't good for the children or staff.
- What about middle school and high school places - or are new houses only sold to families with kids under 10??
- High and middle schools also need improvements and more areas built or a rebuild on the schools
- Can we be sure that in years to come that the middle and high school can accommodate these extra children?
- Although there is also a need for middle schools as we currently only have 2
- Why only 1 class per year group- why not take the opportunity to build a larger new school and replace some of the older schools in town that need a significant refresh.

- in line with this another middle school and high school should be considered
- Two tier system would be ideal
- This school should have been built years ago. I moved my daughter 4 years ago and hoped to send my son who was 1 at the time there - we feel very let down by st modwen to have missed out.
- As well as needing first school places Uttoxeter also needs middle and high school places. Otherwise where do these children move on to when they finish first school
- Bramshall meadows will be a huge estate, so another school is definitely needed!
- Gradually, over a number of years until the school is full.
- I don't feel a first school is enough. The locality needs at least one more middle school
- Yes for younger primary aged children, what about older children?
- Fairly new to the area but understood there were enough First Schools within a short distance from Bramshall Meadows.
- As long as the school can cater for all primary school aged children on the estate then yes
- With priority required for those living in the estate and the immediate local area, the first school will provide essential facility for the young local children to excel in their early lives.

Q2 Do you agree that the Uttoxeter Learning Trust should enter into a Funding Agreement with the Secretary of State for Education for the purpose of establishing Bramshall Meadows First School?



93% of respondents agreed that Uttoxeter Learning Trust should enter into a funding agreement with the Secretary of State for Education for the purpose of establishing Bramshall Meadows First School.

Comments:

- There are other Trusts who are just as good if not better.
- NA we are unsure of what this means, this should be explained further
- To be honest don't fully understand what the funding agreement is or does but had to answer this question to move on.

Q3 We want Bramshall Meadows First School to be at the heart of the local community. Are there any services you would like the new school to offer the local community?

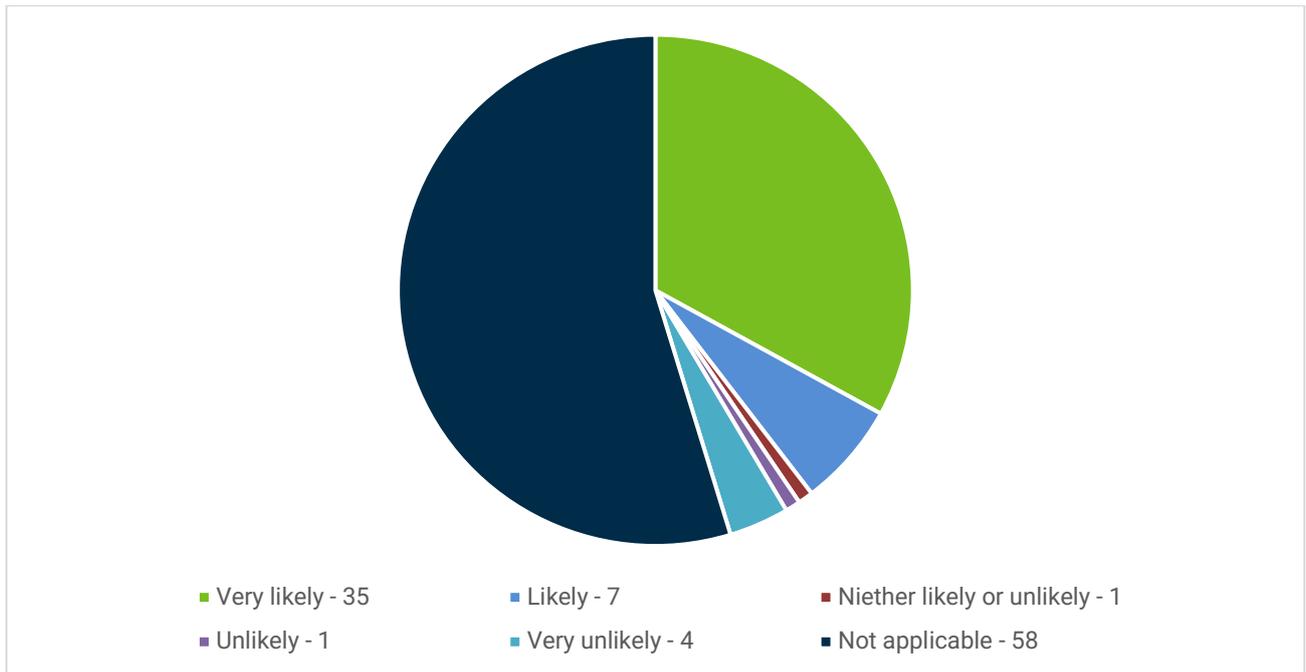
Comments:

- Access to playing fields for sports clubs, meeting rooms for local residential meetings and neighbourhood watch schemes. If possible fast (chargeable) electric car charging facilities as there are very few in the town and it would help visitors to the school in achieving government/council lowered emissions targets.
- A wrap around care club- especially in the holidays. A lot of parents work full time and need affordable holiday care before and after school.
- Forest schools
- After school support.
- Before and after school clubs.
- Defibrillator
- Training courses
- Holiday club
- Pre- and post-school care and a function room for use and hire.
- Use of classroom or hall as a community room on a weekend
- There are so many community engagement events that the school could encourage or offer the community. Ranging from services offered within the school, outside of the school, short term services, long term services. The more our children are involved in community services the more we truly become a community.
- Sports hall/playing field hire at weekends and evenings
- Before & after school clubs. Seasonal events
- Special educational needs unit/class run by an experienced special school trained teacher and TAs
- Community spaces for hire e.g. school football pitch outside of school hours
- A village hall attached. For functions.
- Gym, youth club
- A Community Hall & better play park for small children and toddlers.
- Swimming pool . Water stars swimming company teach at sand for primary and it's amazing
- After school activities for children
- Being able to hire facilities such as the hall. Encourage community events to be held in the field.
- Employ local people
- A special needs classroom
- Facilities which could be hired out by the local community for arts and crafts or youth club
- Use of sports facilities
- A sure start type centre to address inequality and support vulnerable families. This school should recognise the diverse needs of the community not just the affluent who will be living on Bramshall Meadows. Green spaces and sustainability should be considered to offset the considerable environmental impact this massive estate has had on the local wildlife and biodiversity
- Sports clubs
- Exercise classes, weight loss classes, health and well-being for adults and children.
- Wrap around care, nursery and pre-school facilities
- School needs to provide access to SEND children as provision is poor in the area for anyone who has slightly more complex needs or has a physical disability. Lack of continuity of care and need for a school to have a specialist speech and language unit as currently all are being sent to Burton. Providing this in town at a primary school level would be beneficial to

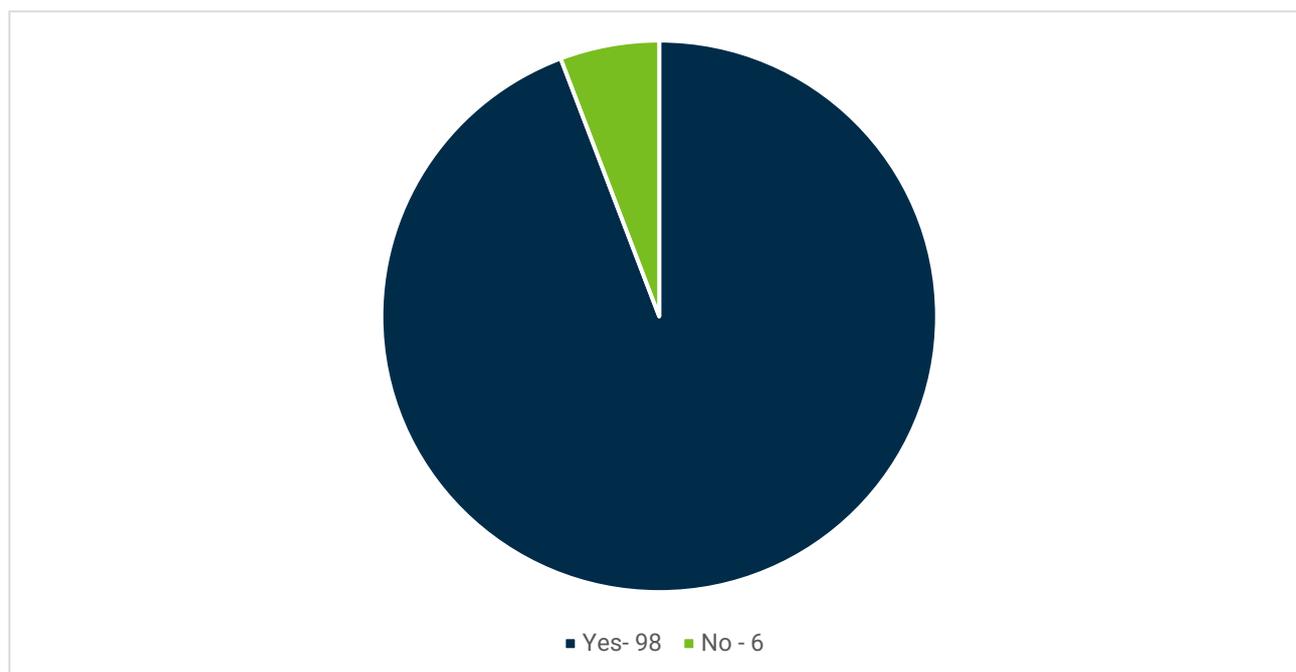
all. Provision for autistic students is also needed as inclusion is necessary rather than sending them to burton.

- Use of playing areas during the school holidays as the one built by st modwen is laughably small.
- Holiday clubs at minimal cost.
- Sports activities
- Wrap around care
- Wrap around provision
- Before and after school club. Extra curricular activities. Open days/ evenings
- A community room for mum and baby groups would be brilliant - more importantly for myself and my role co-running the Uttoxeter breastfeeding group, Uttoxeter is desperate for a free space for holding a breastfeeding support group (Waitrose have a community room but it is not appropriate for this function). A safe space for new and pregnant people to use bi-weekly to meet with trained supporters/counsellors , midwives and health visitors.
- Clubs or facilities for children to use after school or weekends
- School clubs for school holidays not exclusive to pupils of the school.
- Junior sports classes for tiny tots, activity sessions including those related to farming and agriculture
- Wrap around care
- Space for youth group to meet. Community sports pitch at weekends as we have limited football pitches locally.
- It would be good to be able to use the school facilities, i.e. hiring of hall etc for residents to be able to use for meetings, parties, get togethers etc.
- Sports space for children and community groups to utilise. Playing field running track.
- Before and After School Club, Sports Hall for Weekend Activities for Children which could be hired out by the local community.
- Before and after school club, holiday club for the children, and have brownies ranbows and scouts available for children to attend
- Evening courses for the community
- Ability to hire the school hall for community purposes at evenings or weekend, as well as any proposed sports facilities
- Evening adult education classes, and maybe it could be used for family oriented group activities at the weekends.
- The ability for the local community to use the school in evenings and possibly weekends to meet various demands from facilitating meetings to classes for all ages on varying topics/subjects and in turn be supported by those using it.
- Just keep the community involved, we are already a close community and run events to bring everyone together. The school could help by being an extension of that.
- An enclosed space available to hire, office/ room space to hire
- Wrap around care
- Wrap around care Facilities for hire eg sports facilities, rooms for hire out of school hours
- Wrap around care
- Sports and recreation facilities for use out of school time. Community meeting / activity rooms again for use out of school hours.

Q4 If you have a child who is due to start Nursery or Reception in September 2022, how likely are you to apply for a place?



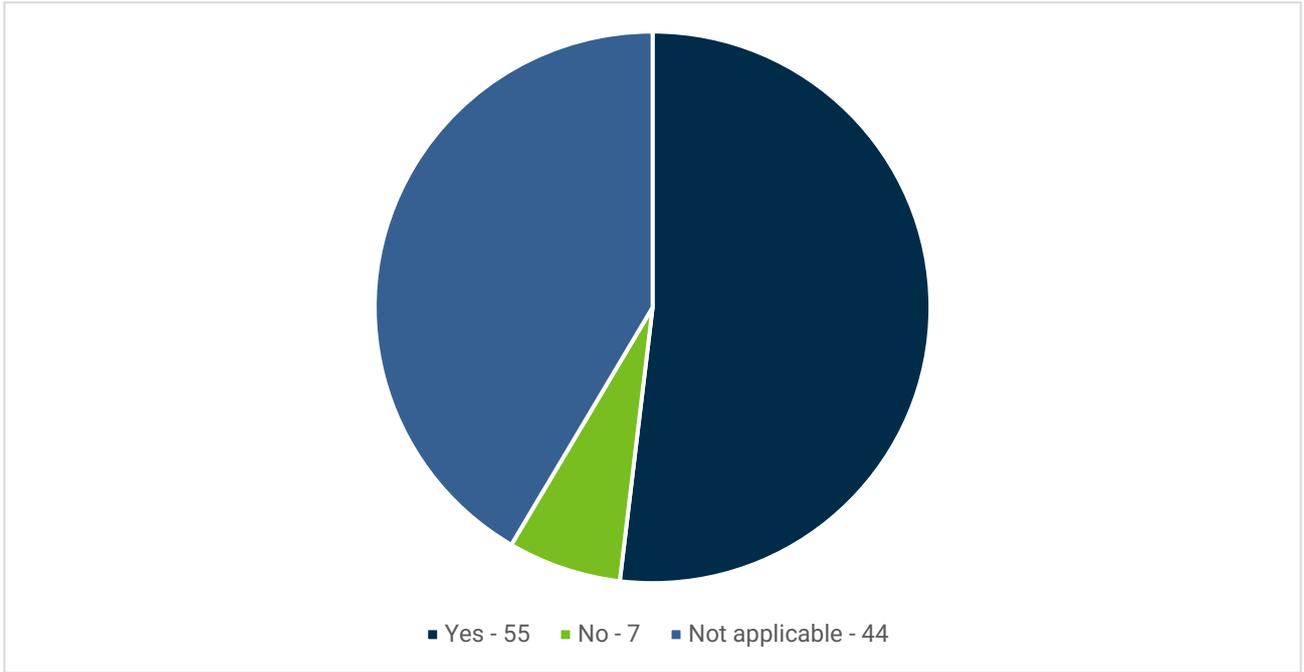
Q5 Do you think Bramshall Meadows First School should offer wraparound care?



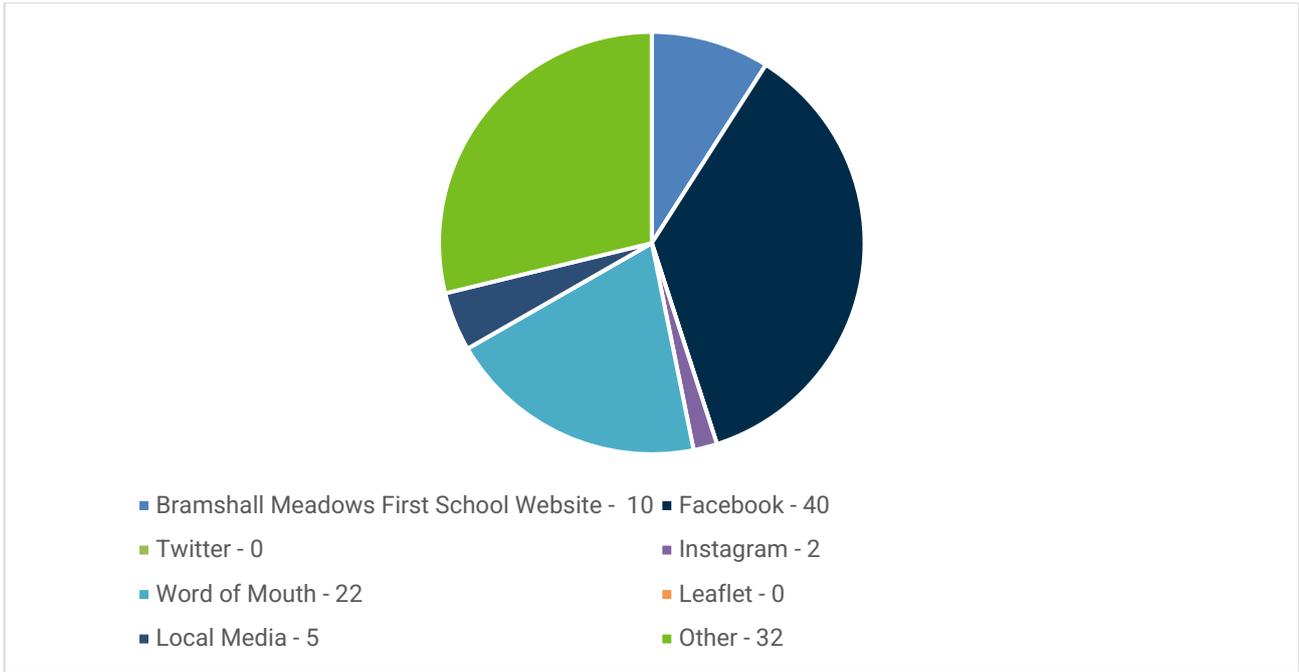
Comments:

- Yes definitely
- Depends upon demand with more people working at home.
- Yes this will be vital for choice for many parents on the estate, without wraparound care many children will have to attend a school off the estate
- Although not essential, would be an added benefit for a local school.
- Yes - my children wouldn't be able to attend if this wasn't available
- Needed as major local employees work 8-5

Q6 If you have a child who is likely to attend Bramshall Meadows First School would you be interested in wraparound care?



Q7 Please tell us how you found out about our consultation:



Q8 Do you have any other comments you would like to add?

- I had no notice of this page other than from the local residents WhatsApp group. Maybe a leaflet to local residents advising of the page and other social media links would be useful to ensure wider awareness?
- Concerns regarding parking obstruction and traffic increase
- I would like to know about vacancies to come work for you.
- Facilities to make it easier for disabled children to attend
- Make sure the school has control of the school dinners so they can say what the children get for dinner. If it's a company that does them they have less control of the menus put in place.
- Highly qualified teachers should be considered for the teaching roles. Newly qualified teachers are cheap but don't come with the experience that a new school needs to do well.
- Our child is 1.5 years old, we are looking forward to the new school opening and hope they will get a place when the time comes. Extra activities including school allotment, outdoor classroom and wraparound care would influence our preference on primary schools
- I would like to transfer my child from Picknalls into Bramshall Meadows, who starts reception Sept 2021. Would this be possible?
- I live opposite the proposed site and I'm worried about the parking situation at school times along with what traffic calming measures will be put in place as Ivinson way will be a rat run from the A50.
- There should be a SEN unit in at least one primary, middle and high school so not as many children need to travel out of town for education.
- Building a first school without creating middle and high school places is short sighted in my opinion- more feeder schools for same number of middle/high schools will just add more demand on middle and high places
- Please ensure parking for this school is set out for parents as a lot will be doing drop offs before work. The site can accommodate this and I appreciate that we would like children to walk to school but note a lot of parents will be working to afford our homes
- Car parking needs to be discussed as parking is not permitted on local streets
- I am a resident on Bramshall Meadows and I am interested to see how the school proposes to make drop off/pick up as safe as possible for residents. Parking and road width around the estate is already tight and these times are notorious for causing traffic chaos. Are traffic calming measures to be introduced or no parking zones in the immediate vicinity?
- See question 1.
- Why only 1 class per year group- why not take the opportunity to build a larger new school and replace some of the older schools in town that need a significant refresh. Why was a new school never built on the Marchington side of town, when one should have been when the housing estate there was built - with the new estate going in by the Abbots Bromley road, surely that would be a better location for a new school. Now all the primary schools are all in the same area of town, which will mean more and more traffic trying to access these areas, as it is too far to walk to school.
- It's ESSENTIAL that the development includes proper parking provision for collection/drop off in order that it doesn't become a problem area for residents. You have the power to design it correctly for decades of future use. You should also petition for appropriate traffic calming from the outset as the road will soon be connected to the A50 and will be a rat run for traffic.
- Where children go after in their education should be addressed. There is a real need in the town for a credible alternative to Thomas Alleynes
- Please keep the updates
- As a resident living opposite the site I would like to know that adequate traffic and road measures are put in place: no parking or waiting on the road outside the school on either

side as this will prevent residents gaining access to properties; speed calming measures; controlled crossings

- Uttoxeter is in desperate need of middle and high school places.
- My son is one and will hopefully be attending the school in a few years, I would like to know if the school is going to be affiliated with any religious sector such as the CoE or Catholic Church... I actually wouldn't send my son if it was either as I'd like to send him to a secular school in the area.
- We live on Bramshall Meadows and my son is due to start school in September 2022. I am very looking forward to seeing some building progress start on the site!
- No, thank you.
- I live opposite the proposed site for the school. This is a great asset to the estate
- We need a high school in Uttoxeter not more first schools.
- Please ensure that pick off and drop off is encouraged on foot and adequate parking is available dropping off by car
- A new primary school will definitely be needed but how will the two middle schools and senior school cope with the influx of students from the new housing developments?
- We live right opposite the school site and would like to be assured that parking won't be a problem. It's a nightmare at the moment to get in and out of our drive with the workmen parking opposite the driveway and I can only see this being a problem everyday at school pick up times.
- Living close to where school is being built, I would be keen to see what arrangements are being made for cars from outside the estate driving in and turning around. I do not want my drive to be used by families dropping off and collecting children. Hopefully there will be a drop off point within the school grounds. Also neighbours do shift work and wondering how much noise there is going to be during the day from the children come play time,
- Consultation on the traffic measures for safety of pupils and residents to be taken into scope of the consultation as a priority
- Parking provision needs to be made for drop off & pick up times
- We don't live on the Bramshall estate itself, but we don't live far away. I would hope we would be allowed the opportunity to apply for a place in 2022!
- I would love to be able to have in person consultations to assist in the development for school
- Hopefully work will start very soon and be in keeping with the local nature and surrounding countryside.
- Please complete soon so we can ensure our daughter can attend!
- We will have a child at nursery age and live in the estate so would be very interested in putting her in.
- Need to be clear on provision for drop off and pick up Wrap around care critical for major local employees
- I live on the estate and I can't wait to see the construction for the first school. Hopefully applying for a job at the school

If you would would like to speak to anyone regarding Bramshall Meadows First School please email: office@bramshallmeadows.org.uk