

Appendix

Changes to Post 16 provision at Oak Grove College Post 16 Consultation

The consultation opened on 25th August 2020 and ended on 5th October 2020

In total there were 11 responses to the online consultation.

7 from parent / carers

2 from staff members

1 from a local resident

1 other

2 letters from the management committee and Thrive federation of special schools were received. Both letters were in support of the proposal providing agreement was made on individual pupil funding.

The questions and number of responses are below

1. Please indicate whether you are...

In support of Post 16 changes	6	55%
Object to Post 16 changes	1	9%
Neutral	4	36%
Total	11	

2. How much do you agree this school is centred on the needs of the children & learners?

Strongly Agree	9	82%
Agree	1	9%
Disagree	1	9%
Strongly Disagree	0	0%
Don't Know	0	0%
Total	11	

A total of 10 responses were provided to the question seeking further comments, 6 of these were positive about the proposal.

Summary of positive comments;

- Support proposals as long as governors can meet needs within capacity
- Sensible idea until government increase funding for SEND
- Explanation of proposal at public meeting
- Fully support proposal for increased provision for SLD and PMLD

- Positive move supporting those away from Oak Grove who don't need the support
- Great idea to link with further education providers
- The sixth form used to be like this and should return for only those that need it
- Fully understand why WSCC are making this proposal

Summary of negative comments;

- Flexibility required in Oak Grove Post 16 provision on SEND need types
- Concern over what alternative provision will look like and transition for MLD students
- Pushing pupils away from Oak Grove College who may not fit criteria of new Post 16 provision and local further education courses aren't suitable
- Government should provide extra funding for SEND pupils
- What is the drop out rate of those students that have transitioned to further education colleges from Oak Grove?
- Any student who wishes to stay at Oak Grove College should be able to stay
- Funding needs to support pupils transitioning to further education, including Speech & Language Therapy, other therapies and safety
- Support for parents and families who will find transition potentially difficult