Consultation with the children of Dean Oaks on the proposals to extend the school to make it a 2 FTE school from 2014

The pupil consultation was in 2 parts:

1. **We consulted with the children in Y2 and above.** We decided that Reception and Y1 children could not access the data and plans and take part in the level of discussion required.

Y2-Y6 came into the school hall and I explained to them the need for more school places because there are currently not enough in Wilmslow schools. If Cheshire East Council did nothing about this then there will be children in the next few years that would have no school to attend.

I explained that the solution to the problem was to extend 3 schools in Wilmslow. Dean Oaks was one of the schools.

The children looked at the plan showing the 2 classroom extension and the plan showing the changes to the grounds on the hall projector. They talked to their shoulder partners about it. We had a question and answer session and children were asked if they had any thoughts about it. The children asked a lot of sensible questions and made some very good points.

The children asked lots of questions including:

What arrangements would be made for lunches for the extra children? Would lunch be late?

Will everyone be able to do PE?

Would there be enough space to play? Was having a longer school a good idea?

Did we have enough teachers? Could they help choose them?

Did this mean that we would have one year in a class instead of two?

Who was going to pay for it?

We took a vote: For the extension – 90%
                Against the extension - 10%

The response was overwhelmingly positive. The negative responses were because of the practicalities of eating and lunches because of the hall. The children were happy with the answers we gave to their questions.

2. **We consulted The School Council**. They also took a look at the plans and discussed the proposals. They weighed up the pros and cons and decided that it was a good idea for Dean Oaks and the Wilmslow community.

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