



Learning for Life

Fairfield Junior School

Aspire, Believe, Succeed

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Child Consultation at Fairfield Junior School

Fifteen members of the School Council were consulted about the proposed amalgamation of the Infant and Junior Schools. The ages ranged from 7 to 11 years.

The term ‘amalgamation’ was explained to the children and they were asked if they could think of any positive or negative items regarding the amalgamation.

The replies were as follows:

I think it is a good idea because:

- Older children will set a good example with behaviour to younger children
- The younger children would be welcomed more easily to the junior building
- We would be able to see our younger sisters more often
- Peer mentors could work with the infants to help them learn
- Peer mediators could work with the infants
- We could take it in turns to play on the grass
- We could share more of our learning
- We enjoyed sharing our Floor Books with the infant children
- I enjoyed being a football coach with the infant children
- We could set up a games leader to work with the infant children
- We could have a ‘share a teacher day’ for the teachers and children
- We could have assemblies for Year 2 and 3 more often

I think it is a bad idea because:

- If we have the same playground the little children could be knocked over by the older children
- If we had a combined assembly we would not all fit in the hall

We had a vote:

Amalgamation would be a good idea: 14 votes out of 15

Amalgamation would be a bad idea: 1 vote out of 15

When asked why the child gave the above negative answer, he said it was because he did not like change and, “things are good as they are”.