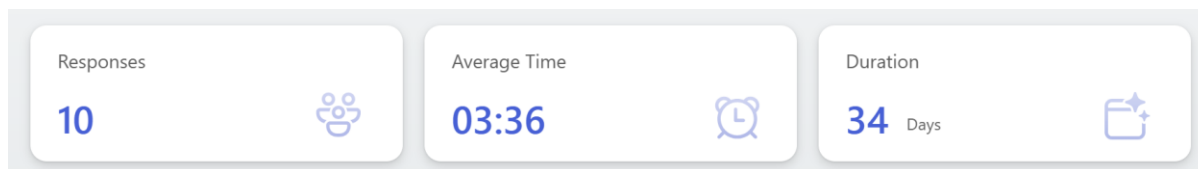


Consultation in relation to Michael Drayton Junior School joining Central England Academy Trust

On Friday 14th March we launched a 4-week consultation process in relation to Michael Drayton Junior School joining our Trust.



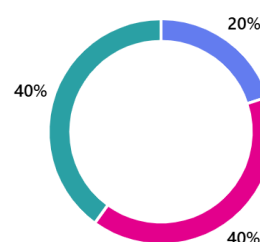
The consultation was promoted in the following ways:

- on Central England Academy Trust's website
- with parents across all of our Trust schools via school newsletters
- sent internally to all governors and staff in our Trust

Responses:

We received a total of 10 responses to the consultation as outlined below:

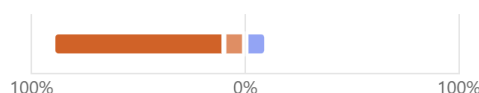
● Parent/carer at one of the Trust's schools	2
● Staff member at one of the Trust's schools	4
● Local Governor or CEAT Trustee	4
● Member of the community	0



Responses were overwhelmingly supportive and in agreement with Michael Drayton Junior School joining Central England Academy Trust:

● Strongly agree ● Agree ● Neutral ● Disagree ● Strongly disagree

Please select



Feedback received:

Parental feedback received	Central England Academy Trust response
Sounds like a good thing to have another school - <i>Agree</i>	Thank you. We agree.
It is an absolute privileged to be in a position to support the children at Oak Wood. The staff, in the secondary school particularly are absolutely stretched. The outside provision is unacceptable. There are no resources for pupils to access to regulated and there are blind spots	It is disappointing to hear that you have concerns about your child's school's outdoor provision. This is something that should be discussed directly with the school's leadership team – I am sure that they will be able to give you significant reassurances about this as they

<p>where children are not supervised. There is no visibility from the CEO. Parents were used to visibility from the previous CEO who would regularly stop and engage. More funding needs to be provided rather than branching out.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - <i>Disagree</i> 	<p>have clear plans for the development of their outdoor spaces and provision.</p> <p>The addition of a new school will not impact on the funding received by your child's school; it will however give us stronger financial stability as a Trust moving forwards.</p> <p>In relation to CEO visibility, please note that the previous CEO's role was different – he was originally the executive headteacher at the Oak Wood schools and was very operational as a result. The CEO's position is a strategic one and involves working across all of our schools as well as with external organisations such as Warwickshire, the DfE.</p> <p>The CEO has held coffee mornings for parents at each of our Trust schools this year to build relationships and listen to feedback. These will be running again this summer term – please look out for the dates and come along.</p>
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Governor / Trustee feedback received	Central England Academy Trust response
<p>This will be a really positive addition to the Trust, enhancing the leadership team and improving educational experiences for all pupils.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - <i>Strongly agree</i> 	<p>We agree that Michel Drayton Junior School – as a strong local school - would help to add further leadership capacity to our Trust.</p>
<p>Michael Drayton joining CEAT will positively impact young people and staff and the local community, through the support provided across the MAT. Specific areas of benefit include: SEND, staff</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - <i>Strongly agree</i> 	<p>We agree. Our belief is that 'together we are stronger' and that we can positively impact on our local community in partnership.</p>
<p>I fully support Michael Drayton Junior School joining CEAT. I believe that such a development will enormously benefit both Michael Drayton and the other schools currently in CEAT in terms of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Further enhancing high quality curriculum provision and opportunities - Further increasing capacity to deliver high quality services to the schools in the trust - Adding mainstream primary provision to CEAT - Enhancing school leadership and governance, in particular around curriculum and educational provision - Increasing opportunities for our students and staff to work in collaboration in areas such as professional development opportunities for staff and the sharing of best practice and wider curriculum opportunities for our students. 	<p>We agree, and expanding our Trust to include a mainstream primary school is an extremely exciting opportunity and will be of significant benefit to our work moving forwards.</p>

<p>Having worked with the Michael Drayton Junior School Headteacher in the past, I know what an excellent and forward-thinking school it is; I see this closer working arrangement as very exciting and of huge benefit to the students, staff and the school communities of CEAT and Michael Drayton Junior School.</p> <p>- <i>Strongly agree</i></p>	
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Staff feedback received	Central England Academy Trust response
<p>This would be a great move for our Trust, adding capacity, strength and local reputation as we look to grow.</p> <p>- <i>Strongly agree</i></p>	We agree.
<p>I agree with the presentation that local schools are stronger together to support each other.</p> <p>- <i>Strongly agree</i></p>	We agree.

Summary

90% of all responses received were supportive of Michael Drayton Junior School joining our Trust, with most 'strongly agreeing.' There were responses from a range of different stakeholders.

Recommendations

It is recommended that Central England Academy Trust proceeds with plans for Michael Drayton Junior School to join our Trust as no significant opposition or objections have been received.