

**Consultation on the Proposal to Form a Federation
Fairlands Middle School Response Form Summary**

Yes	23
Yes with comments	7*
No	1
Neither Yes or No with comment	1**

***Comments---**

I think the communication and co-operation between the schools will be key to the success of the federation. Each school will need to think of the Federation and be less 'protective' of its own academic data to ensure a smooth transition within KS2 from Year 4 to Year 5. I think the sharing of skills and expertise amongst the Head teachers and staff could certainly benefit the children. I highly value the First/Middle School system and both my children have benefitted immensely from it - a federation is only a good idea if it reinforces the existing benefits and doesn't undermine them.

A very exciting proposal. I feel that there should be an equal split of governing bodies from all 4 schools.

A great opportunity for staff to share their knowledge of the children as they go from 1st to Middle School.

Anything that may improve our child's education can only be a good thing.

It is a pity that the Kings of Wessex is not also joining in this venture to give complete continuity of education strategy to the Cheddar Valley Schools.

Why has Axbridge First School not been included?

I could not see specific reference to levels of administrative staff necessary in a Federation. I presume there will be scope for consolidating admin functions so are there arrangements in place to protect support staff?

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I think it will go ahead no matter what I think about the change. I have concerns about whether the smaller schools will be eventually amalgamated. I really hope they won't be. I also have some concerns about how Axbridge First School, as an Academy already, fits into the proposed hierarchy as I imagine 'in time' there will be a 'Super Head teacher' of all the schools.