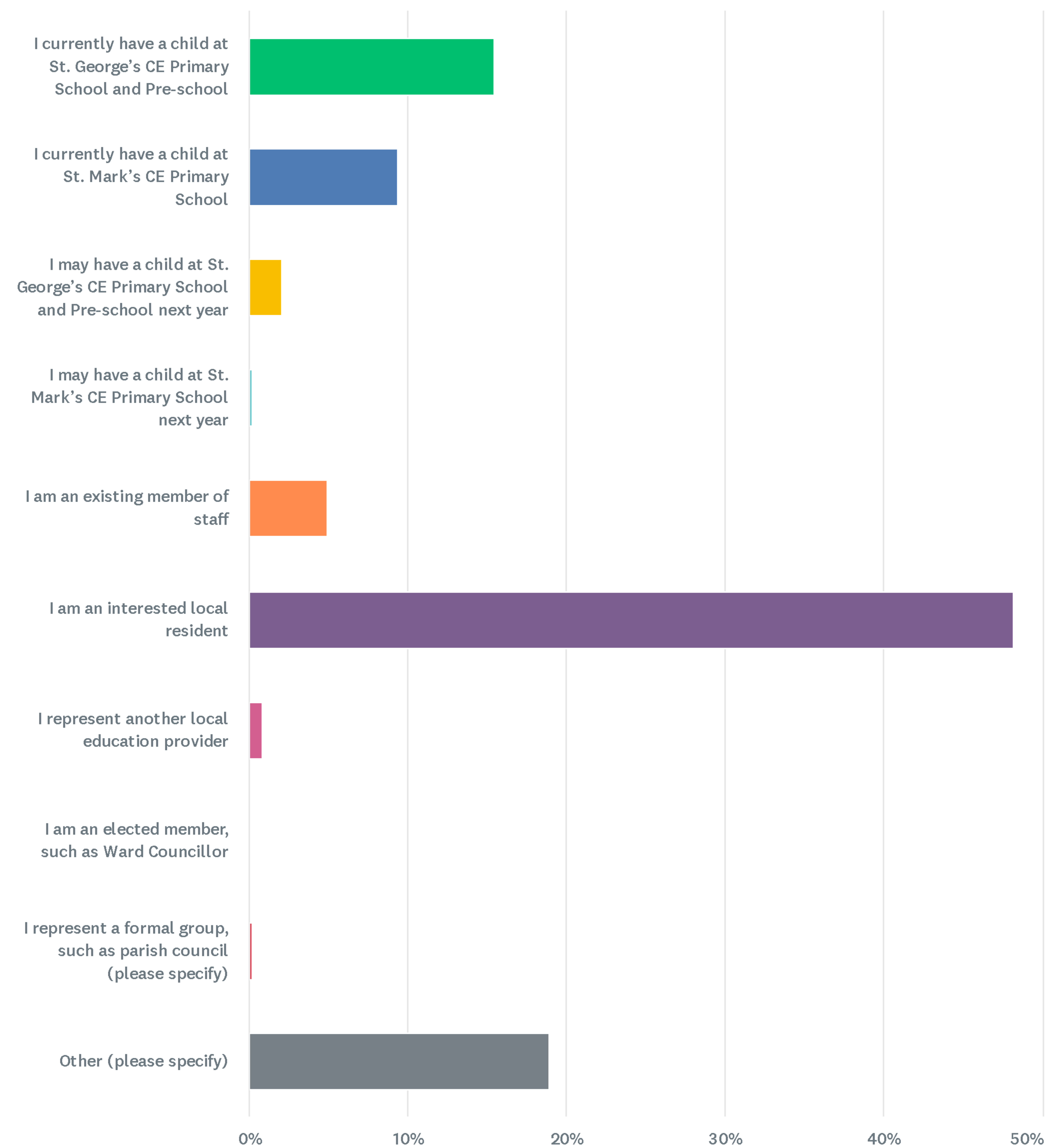


Q1 492 responses

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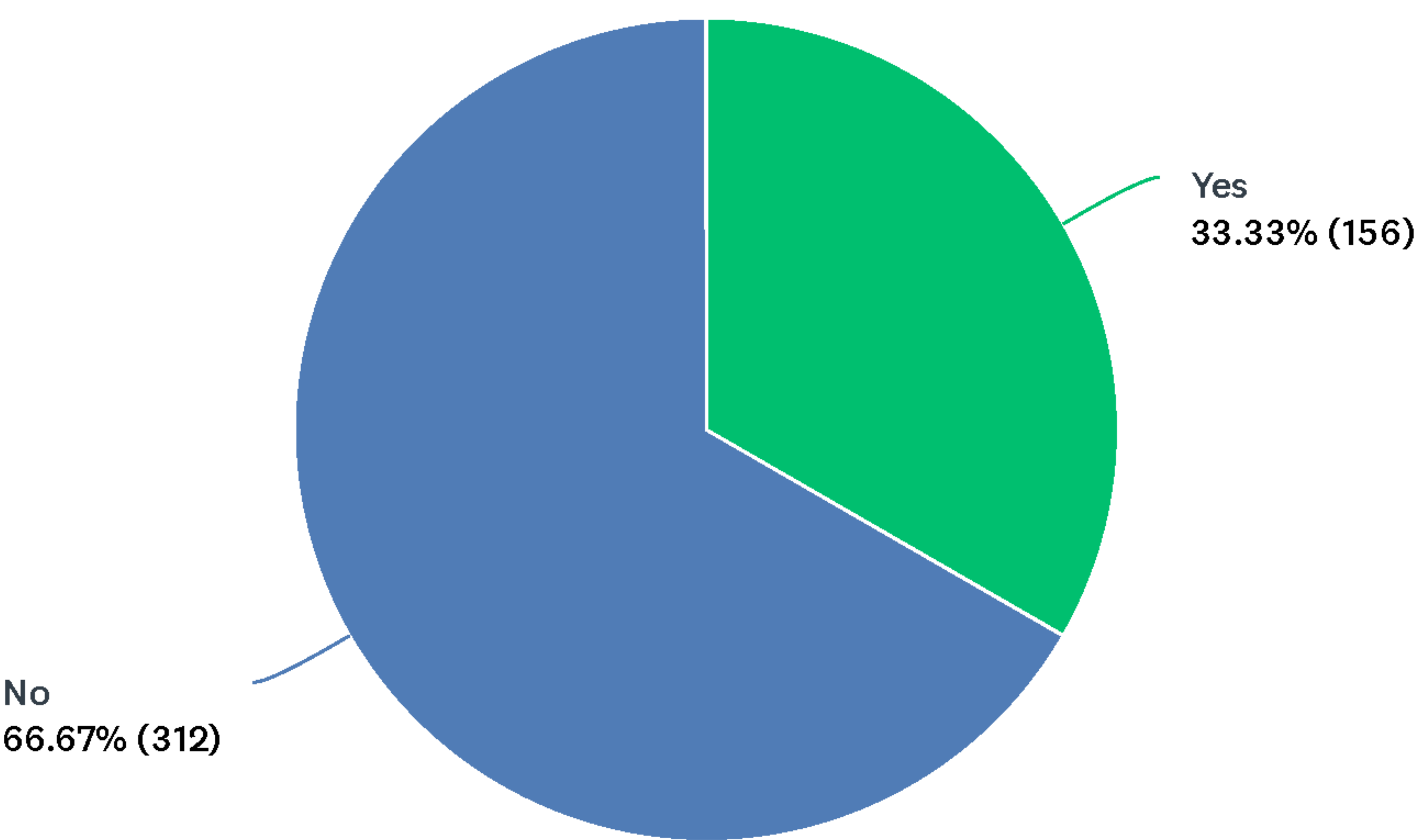
Answer Choices	Percentage	Responses
I currently have a child at St. George’s CE Primary School and Pre-school	15.45%	76
Total		492

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Answer Choices	Percentage	Responses
 I currently have a child at St. Mark’s CE Primary School	9.35%	46
 I may have a child at St. George’s CE Primary School and Pre-school next year	2.03%	10
 I may have a child at St. Mark’s CE Primary School next year	0.20%	1
 I am an existing member of staff	4.88%	24
 I am an interested local resident	48.17%	237
 I represent another local education provider	0.81%	4
 I am an elected member, such as Ward Councillor	0%	0
 I represent a formal group, such as parish council (please specify)	0.20%	1
 Other (please specify)	18.90%	93
Total		492

Q2 468 responses

Do you agree that leaving the two schools to just get smaller and smaller with more and more mixed-aged teaching will make the quality of education worse?



Answer Choices	Percentage	Responses
Yes	33.33%	156
No	66.67%	312
Total		468

#	PLEASE FEEL FREE TO COMMENT FURTHER:	DATE
1	My answer to the question above is not necessarily.	6/17/2026 3:34 PM
2	Small village schools get good results	6/16/2026 11:51 PM
3	I do not accept the wording of this question as a fair basis for consultation. It assumes that smaller schools and mixed-age teaching will necessarily lead to poorer education, when CLP's own FAQs refer to Wool CE Primary as a PAN 15 school organised across four classes where mixed-age teaching is used effectively. I accept that falling pupil numbers can create financial and organisational pressure, but I do not agree that this automatically means the only or best solution is a merger onto the St Mark's site. Alternative models, including maintaining St George's, shared leadership, revised class structures, enhanced early-years provision, community use, and properly modelled housing growth, should be fully explored before any irreversible decision is made.	6/16/2026 7:26 PM
4	I think mixed age classes can work really well	6/16/2026 5:53 PM
5	Leaving the two schools to get smaller will impact the quality of provision, class sizes, funding available and recruitment of quality staff	6/16/2026 4:38 PM
6	What a ridiculously leading question. There is so much wrong with our education system but smaller class sizes is never the issue.	6/16/2026 3:35 PM
7	There is a failure to consider local housing increases by LMPC who are seeking land for a CLT project, Swanage Town Council with 2 CLT projects, the local plan to be completed gives up to 400 new houses in Swanage and Govt increasing council tax to double for second homes forcing more onto the market at affordable prices all suggest more families and more children and yet your consultation fails to refer to these.	6/16/2026 12:31 PM

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8	The reverse is true. Children can learn to mix better with older children. They can experience greater independence.	6/16/2026 10:17 AM
9	Langton School is integral to the community. It is sometimes necessary to see beyond the short term. Numbers fluctuate and may well return. There are other ways to deal with small numbers where Swanage Primary is oversubscribed for example.	6/16/2026 9:50 AM
10	Quality education is vital but to reduce the answers for this question to a simple binary choice is disingenuous and indicative of the attitude of these large MATs such as Coastal Learning Partnership. A primary school such as St George's in a key part of the community. Furthermore, having known many children who have been though St George's, the reach of its impact stretches far beyond the school gates and Year 6. These young adults come home to Purbeck, having been to university or away for a significant period of time and connections they made a primary school are rekindled. They rejoin the area and having been schooled at St George's when they return meaning connections are rekindled which leads to a stronger, more caring community that is invested in its members. These qualities are being lost in too many communities and Langton should not be the next victim of a money focused MAT. The school as a focal part of the community is vital	6/15/2026 8:41 PM
11	I feel that this is biased question based on the argument to merge both schools. Having smaller classes with mixed aged teaching would not make the quality of education worse. You may find that have a huge class with no mixed education would have a lower quality of education as pupils would be missed due to the business of the class. Where as in a smaller class these pupils would not be missed and a better quality of education would therefore be provided.	6/15/2026 7:25 PM
12	This may not be the case. The education may still be of good quality as children learn more in smaller classes. St George's already has small classes and the children are thriving.	6/15/2026 6:23 PM
13	Smaller classes would provide children with more individual teacher time. Just check out private schools where this is the case. Mixed age range even across 3 age ranges has been used in schools since 1970's from my experience.	6/15/2026 5:18 PM
14	Falling numbers may mean the County will reduce the teaching staff causing more amalgamation of classes	6/15/2026 11:52 AM
15	This is a poorly written and judgemental question. It is value laden and skewed .	6/15/2026 10:12 AM
16	Poorly worded question. How can people answer this ? This assumes that mixed age teaching makes the quality of education worse.	6/15/2026 9:53 AM
17	This is fundamentally wrong. the school is increasing in size	6/15/2026 9:32 AM
18	Why is costal partnership assuming birth rates will get smaller and smaller with the upcoming number of housing developments proposed or being planned in the area. Aimed at affordable housing which will be potentially be bringing families to the area.	6/14/2026 11:54 PM
19	No. I think this question is too leading. Smaller schools and mixed age teaching do not automatically mean poorer education. The focus should be on proper support, good staffing, and what is best for local children	6/14/2026 11:24 PM
20	No this is managed well at St George's and suits the size & setting. Provision intakes drops were planned for and managed well at St George's. The issue is how at marks are handling it.	6/14/2026 8:07 PM
21	1) Numbers fluctuate. There is new housing northwest of Swanage in the Local Development Plan 2025. The school has a very good reputation and families from outside the village may apply (Corfe for example is at capacity). 2) The school is more than a centre of education: it's at the heart of the community and has strong positive links with the church. Students leave this school with a quiet and justifiable sense of self to go on to make great pupils in their next stage of education. These factors enable young adults to cope with the stresses of the world beyond.	6/14/2026 5:42 PM
22	Where is the evidence that mixed aged teaching brings about worse results? The Isles of Scilly has mixed aged teaching & achieves some is the best national results.	6/14/2026 12:09 PM
23	I feel that both schools should be fully funded as that's what they were when the academy took them over	6/14/2026 11:51 AM
24	There will be insufficient government funding to keep both schools open	6/13/2026 5:29 PM
25	The school in Langton is greatly needed and is the heart of the village do not close it this will be disastrous	6/13/2026 5:29 PM
26	Every child deserves a good education and small classroom sizes not just one teacher and	6/13/2026 2:22 PM

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several assistants.

27	we need mixed aged classes for children to thrive. The older children love caring for younger children and acting as role models which boosts their self esteem. Younger children love having older children to look up to & learn from.	6/13/2026 11:24 AM
28	That is a loaded question intended to illicit a given response	6/13/2026 7:02 AM
29	As a former primary school teacher, the smaller the class numbers, the more advantageous the education	6/12/2026 10:40 PM
30	To try and pretend that there are/will be enough children to populate both schools and still maintain separate year groups is wishful thinking. The Purbeck review in 2008 predicted dropping birth rates across Swanage and the surrounding area. A decision to merge schools then was completely rejected by St George's and Mount Scar (save our schools campaign) and here we are again. I would be interested to know how many parents actually live in Langton and send their children to St George's and drive past a St Marks which is a very good school with dedicated staff who nurture and encourage the children to achieve their absolute best. The prejudice and snobbery directed towards St Marks is untrue and unwarranted.	6/12/2026 9:09 PM
31	I agree that merging class years is problematic however I dont think merging the two schools is the answer	6/12/2026 8:19 PM
32	Class size increases	6/12/2026 6:37 PM
33	Smaller classes mean more attention on children compared to bigger classes which children can be left behind. Children aren't pushed if in a big class as it would mean splitting set work	6/12/2026 4:48 PM
34	. Dorset send move to the area for C a good life for you and your children and have great schools.?? How can you say that when the best school in the area is now threatened with charges that's not good for kids xx and dads I will come to the next meeting and show you how mad I really I'm think about the kids not yourself old people thinking about themselves NOT THE KIDS	6/12/2026 4:07 PM
35	I have seen mixed age teaching work extremely well.	6/12/2026 2:17 PM
36	Children, thrive, in small schools and classes. Mixed ages are not detrimental to education In fact, they can help with social skills	6/12/2026 2:16 PM
37	Children, thrive, in small schools and classes. Mixed ages are not detrimental to education In fact, they can help with social skills	6/12/2026 2:16 PM
38	Children, thrive, in small schools and classes. Mixed ages are not detrimental to education In fact, they can help with social skills	6/12/2026 2:01 PM
39	What I don't agree with here is how this question is worded. What you have asked is a loaded question and an appeal to fear. It is hard to answer anything but 'yes' to this question with the way you have worded it as the question is based on an assumption that the two schools would get smaller and smaller and that mixed aged teaching would make the quality of education worse. However, I am not convinced that you have credible assumptions or reliable data. Projections that have been made for the number of pupils are questionable (for example, I gather they do not take into account new housing developments) and there is no evidence base for the statement that mixed age teaching will make the quality of education worse. The first question should be more aligned to the purpose of your consultation - do I agree that St George's should close? No I do not. The consultation is flawed if it is making assumptions based on false data and lack of educational evidence.	6/12/2026 1:54 PM
40	I think education and schools should be very local in other to maintain community in our villages. Community is something we are losing, to the detriment of our mental health. We need to have the school in Langton matravers.	6/12/2026 1:36 PM
41	not a problem with smaller classes, actually they benefited from the mixed groups and the broader circle of friends it gave going forward. They were happy and well adjusted at the school.	6/12/2026 12:57 PM
42	The above question is ambiguous and does not apply the the village school at Langton Matravers	6/12/2026 11:17 AM
43	It won't necessarily make the quality of teaching worse. The wording of this question is very biased.	6/12/2026 10:36 AM

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44	This is an unfair question. St George's has managed to provide an excellent education with small numbers and mixed classes for years.	6/12/2026 9:56 AM
45	While I can see that this makes commercial sense if it is St George's that is to close it will rip the heart out of our community and I don't see that it should be St George's that has to close	6/12/2026 9:57 AM
46	Ridiculously biased question.	6/12/2026 9:03 AM
47	Statistically, smaller class sizes mean pupils get more teacher time. 30 per class, 60 minute class = 2 minutes of 1:1 time per hour. 15 per class and that number doubles. Bigger classes ALWAYS mean some pupils slip through the net and DO NOT THRIVE.	6/11/2026 10:44 PM
48	[REDACTED]. The school community remains healthy and the children have good outcomes.	6/11/2026 8:55 PM
49	[REDACTED]	6/11/2026 2:31 PM
50	Good teachers have always had the ability to manage mixed-age and mixed-ability classes	6/11/2026 1:22 PM
51	The assumption in the way you have phrased the question ignores the benefits of small-class teaching, community involvement, and ability- rather than age-led teaching	6/11/2026 12:05 PM
52	It won't be possible for either school to provide the education opportunities the children deserve with more year groups in mixed age classes and retention and recruitment of staff for the schools. Good parking at St. Mark's for staff	6/11/2026 11:03 AM
53	They will not get smaller and smaller. They are more likely to expand their intake as more young families move out to Purbeck	6/11/2026 9:39 AM
54	Small communities elsewhere in the UK cope with small classes.	6/11/2026 9:36 AM
55	The falling numbers are not inevitable. Is mixed age teaching indisputably bad?	6/11/2026 3:11 AM
56	Small classes and vertical-grouping are very desirable, to give children the best education. One can pay a great deal of money to obtain these in the private sector!	6/10/2026 10:28 PM
57	[REDACTED] I strongly disagree with the suggestion that closing the school and merging it elsewhere is the best solution. St. George's is more than just a school building—it is an important part of the local community and provides a local education for local children. Removing a village school takes away a valuable community asset and can make it harder for families to access education close to home. Small schools often provide a supportive, family-like environment where children are well known by staff and feel a strong sense of belonging. While mixed-age teaching can present challenges, it can also bring benefits such as peer learning, mentoring, and stronger relationships across year groups. The quality of education depends on effective teaching, leadership, and resources, not simply the size of the school. Rather than closing a long-established community school, efforts should be made to support and sustain it for future generations of local children and families.	6/10/2026 9:53 PM
58	There needs to be far more thought going on here than oh let's just close this school. There is a massive need for send children provision in this area and currently nothing in this area [REDACTED] what about it have its own send unit.	6/10/2026 8:29 PM
59	Children all learn in different ways and at different speeds. Younger children can learn a lot from older peers as can older children being mindful of younger children. School education shouldn't always be measured in academic success alone. Being a caring, considerate member of society is a very important skill in this day and age where academic success and test results seem to be all that is considered.	6/10/2026 6:55 PM
60	St George's, over the years, has proven to be a good school, a community asset and beloved by present and past, and should be kept for the future of Langton Matravers.	6/10/2026 3:39 PM
61	There's a difference between St George's which has operated on small scale principles for decades and achieved good results and St Mark's which is a large school that has dwindled in numbers. St George's should continue doing what it does well with more housing, including affordable housing, in the pipeline. St marks is the problem and is unlikely to be 'saved' in the long term as parents vote with their feet	6/10/2026 2:24 PM
62	Smaller classes is a good thing.	6/10/2026 1:32 PM
63	Langton school has been a vital part of the village community, keeping youth in the village is necessary for community spirit	6/10/2026 12:07 PM

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64	Community land trust housing is to be built in Langton and Harmans Cross in the next 2 years potentially bringing 62 local families back to the area, I do not believe this has been taken into account,	6/10/2026 11:20 AM
65	I don't believe that the population of Langton Matravers is getting smaller with more affordable housing being developed in the local area. With more young families in the area there is the potential for more children and the need for a school local to them.	6/10/2026 10:56 AM
66	It is a leading question, however on a purely financial basis it makes sense. Unfortunately Langton has largely become a village of second homes with the associated demographic impact	6/10/2026 9:36 AM
67	Not necessarily. It is done successfully in other places	6/10/2026 12:01 AM
68	You just want to sell the school to make more money than in Swanage.	6/9/2026 9:52 PM
69	The unique selling point and reason parents have a preference to send their children to St Georges is due to the small environment and smaller classes. [REDACTED] [REDACTED] I would imagine CLP may compromise both sites if the consultation goes ahead to the second stage with the DfE . Furthermore, the parents may well choose a different school altogether, within a different MAT. Ultimately, this may leave St Marks with very low existing numbers and still questioning the viability. And sadly, most detrimentally, the heritage and legacy of a village permanently removed. The permanent damage of this decision will have long lasting and far reaching consequences for all of the community, and potentially, for the academy trust. As the NEU and other unions have stated; The continued expansion of academy trusts has led to the decision making that can be remote from local communities, parents and the workforce. Perhaps this raises a much broader question on public funding of schools, the proven durability of the local authority and local governance (St Georges has been there since 1880) and the impacts and negative consequences of being part of an expanding MAT in such a short time frame before big changes have had to be implemented. It makes you question why? Particularly when fluctuations in birthrates are an ongoing concern. There does also feel limited contextual consideration, given the differences between BCP and the Isle of Purbeck. With the overall turnover of £41, 710, 258 within the whole trust, £5 million spent on premises projects in 2025 and with a Net income of £493,598 in 2025, the costings of St Georges in 2025 of £722,877 are only a fraction of that income. Inevitably, the decision that is being made on predicted figures, is only a margin of your income per annum. I appreciate it is restricted funds, and leadership staff are working between two sites, but in an area that should be thriving, the ultimate decision is about cuts and compromise. Sadly, this will lead to an inequitable provision in this area and will limit the autonomy over school choice in the Purbeck area.	6/9/2026 8:35 PM
70	I don't agree. The quality of teaching at St Georges is superb and having mixed aged classes with good teachers provides an inclusive , nurturing and inspiring environment for children to learn. [REDACTED] [REDACTED]	6/9/2026 9:03 PM
71	This is a very leading question and fails to acknowledge the issues combining schools will create, including potential loss of the explorers forest school, increase traffic and disruption into swanage & moving children from settled places at their current school.	6/9/2026 8:26 PM
72	I recognise that falling pupil numbers and increasingly broad mixed-age classes may present challenges for schools and could have implications for educational provision. However, I do not believe the consultation has demonstrated that the closure of St George's is the only, or best, response to those challenges. I am concerned that the question appears to assume a particular outcome rather than inviting respondents to consider the full range of possible solutions. Whilst I accept that there are genuine demographic and financial pressures, I remain unconvinced that sufficient weight has been given to the wider impact on children, families and the Langton Matravers community.	6/9/2026 5:17 PM
73	St George's have had a good intake at reception level and the numbers seem to be remaining stable. St Mark's pupil number is at 57% of its capacity so should close so that their students could go to other Swanage schools and also come to Langton Matravers to further boost numbers.	6/9/2026 11:12 AM
74	This is a very vague assertion. You have not demonstrated this is the inevitable outcome. Two substantial housing estates have recently been built in Langton Matravers. Where is your analysis of how many school places these houses will need and where those school places will be provided? If St George's School were to close, presumably the land would also be used for housing - with further potential need for school places.	6/9/2026 11:00 AM

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75	Poorly worded question. How can people answer this ?	6/9/2026 11:03 AM
76	Vertical grouping and smaller classes definitely does not mean a lesser quality education, in fact it's the opposite.	6/9/2026 7:33 AM
77	don't believe mixed age groups make a substantial difference.	6/8/2026 10:21 PM
78	Not necessarily- smaller classes are beneficial and also having a mixed age groups can sometimes be helpful to younger children	6/8/2026 8:43 PM
79	I believe that children should be taught with a teacher and able to have good teachers not classroom attendants as a replacement	6/8/2026 8:21 PM
80	That feels like a loaded and un balanced question, designed to convey a pre- determined conclusion and deliver a biased response. I don't "believe" that the schools will continue to get "smaller and smaller", because I just don't know the future. What I do know is that if this school closes, it will be gone forever, to the detriment of current and future pupils, community and church.	6/8/2026 8:13 PM
81	Future housing plans will increase the number of children for both schools	6/8/2026 8:25 PM
82	It's nothing new... and has only benefitted children who learn from older peers.	6/8/2026 6:27 PM
83	I feel this is a bit of a loaded question assuming numbers will fall as an inevitability. There is planned development in the village, including affordable homes. There will almost inevitably be more on the future and with that comes families moving into the area, many of whom will have children of primary school age. The village school provides an environment that many find highly agreeable and conducive to a positive and nurturing learning environment, that many prefer to a larger school that would result from merging with another already large school.	6/8/2026 5:36 PM
84	Smaller classes make more one on one teaching. Children will learn more. Less distraction to the pupils with smaller classes	6/8/2026 4:43 PM
85	I think smaller class sizes are much better and give children and teachers the space they need to learn.	6/8/2026 4:17 PM
86	Would help if the schools we're looking at taking more children on, seems like they have given up on the children. If they hadn't given up why didn't we have an open day to take on more children to up the numbers?	6/8/2026 2:43 PM
87	Small schools are great! More time for each small child.	6/8/2026 2:31 PM
88	This is a somewhat leading question. An "unsure" answer would have been useful here. Mixed aged teaching is not ideal, but disruption, lack of continuity and the potential for a reduced nurturing environment also has a negative effect on education. Birth rates have fallen but consideration must also be given to the new developments in Langton in which families with children will likely move to in the coming years.	6/8/2026 1:17 PM
89	I think that St. George's is a high quality education facility which will only attract more students in the future if given the time and relevant funding .	6/8/2026 1:11 PM
90	This is a loaded question. However that would be still be better than merging both schools and losing a school in Langton Matravers.	6/8/2026 12:46 PM
91	"Dorchester Pyramid" of schools model can work really well.	6/8/2026 10:57 AM
92	Mixed age classes are not necessarily inferior. There are other factors that contribute to a good educational outcome, such as quality of teaching, space and opportunity to provide individual support as required, and sense of community identity.	6/8/2026 10:05 AM
93	Smaller class sizes would be beneficial!	6/8/2026 9:45 AM
94	Leaving the two schools to get smaller and smaller would affect the quality and breadth of provision provided in each school and also impact on the retention and recruitment of staff	6/8/2026 9:19 AM
95		6/8/2026 8:01 AM
96	This is about the local community where kids can feel nurturing and belonging	6/8/2026 7:55 AM

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97	Leading question	6/7/2026 11:13 PM
98	We need to keep families in Swanage & not push them out.	6/7/2026 11:17 PM
99	Smaller class sizes are better, we chose to send our children here for that very reason ?? Mixed ages apparently work in some schools very well so what's the problem ?	6/7/2026 10:09 PM
100	This is a biased and leading question. I am not yet certain that your figures are accurate in relation to falling pupil numbers	6/7/2026 7:44 PM
101	The fact that St George's is a small nurturing school was one of the main reasons, along with many others, why we chose to send our children there. Teaching across different year groups can be successful when done properly and planned correctly.	6/7/2026 7:14 PM
102	For villages and rural communities a mixed age teaching platform is perfect and in fact benefits the pupils.	6/7/2026 6:18 PM
103	Not necessarily the quality of education but maybe the children's school experience with less opportunities for social interaction, less money in the school for extra curricular experiences, resources, teachers, TAs.	6/7/2026 7:06 PM
104	How can being in a smaller class with more time for a teacher to go along with less pupils make their education worse, quite frankly it's a ridiculous claim	6/7/2026 4:49 PM
105	Why should the schools get smaller and smaller. Ridiculous question.	6/7/2026 4:40 PM
106	This is a leading question. By saying that you agree with keeping the two schools separate you are insinuating that it is ok to allow the education standard to drop. Poor question.	6/7/2026 2:32 PM
107	Why do we destroy small local communities by shutting the schools?	6/7/2026 1:07 PM
108	Both schools have got smaller and bigger over the years as birthrates change and dynamics of their catchment areas change. Mixed ability classes can be extremely effective as long as the teaching is good. Our local schools have excellent teachers and classroom assistants.	6/7/2026 12:51 PM
109	If mixed aged teaching was to expand ie. 3 year groups in a class [REDACTED] [REDACTED] I'm aware of the challenges such changes are likely to have on the ability to meet the need of every child in the classroom.	6/7/2026 12:18 PM
110	Having worked and volunteered in many education establishments, mixed age teaching and small class sizes do NOT make the quality of education worse.	6/7/2026 10:56 AM
111	No, smaller classes lead to better education and more individual attention.	6/7/2026 9:44 AM
112	Smaller classes are better for learning. Less distractions. More focus on each pupil.	6/7/2026 7:32 AM
113	The class sizes have been small for 15yrs [REDACTED] [REDACTED] There are negatives with smaller classes, [REDACTED]. But this encourages interactions with all students and those of different ages. [REDACTED]	6/6/2026 10:27 PM
114	I grew up and was educated in mixed year group education that worked. The school still exists in that capacity today nearly 30 years later.	6/6/2026 8:40 PM
115	Smaller class sizes mean that pupils get a better education as the teacher's attention is not split between so many children, meaning the struggling children are more likely to get the help they need to succeed.	6/6/2026 8:43 PM
116	Smaller classrooms means better education	6/6/2026 7:40 PM
117	No, smaller classes lead to better education and more individual attention.	6/6/2026 7:14 PM
118	But there are surly ways around this.	6/6/2026 6:52 PM
119	[REDACTED]	6/6/2026 4:58 PM
120	I have not been told by the school that education is being effected	6/6/2026 4:58 PM
121	Smaller classes are better	6/6/2026 4:25 PM

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122	I think that this questionnaire is based on the flawed premise that pupil numbers will continue to fall when we have yet to see the full shake down in the property market in the area with the reduction of second homes which may - it is to be hoped - result in more children in the population in Langton. We need more year round jobs in the area to encourage existing and new families to see their lives here.	6/6/2026 4:26 PM
123	Build more affordable housing.	6/6/2026 4:36 PM
124	Surely the numbers will increase with all the housing developments in the area.	6/6/2026 4:23 PM
125	With the houses for sale behind the school and future plans for more new homes in Acton/Langton, plus the current plan to develop Harrow House in Swanage providing 80+ new homes, the school numbers should increase in the near future, not decrease.	6/6/2026 4:16 PM
126	This is a leading question. The staff are excellent at St George's	6/6/2026 3:42 PM
127	A difficult question to respond to in that until all information is to hand following the information evenings, it is difficult to form informed opinions. Following which it could be possible that the community could band together to find/assist with solutions to alleviate the effect of declining numbers on the establishments.	6/6/2026 4:03 PM
128	Smaller groups are better	6/6/2026 3:59 PM
129	Don't know - no information/analysis provided	6/6/2026 3:29 PM
130	Mixed aged teaching can have huge advantages, and shutting one site and not expecting further growth is very short-sighted.	6/6/2026 2:21 PM
131	But I don't accept that this is the case after seeing the number of new affordable development projects being considered and agreed in the surrounding area. With the school being one asset that is cited in the proposal.	6/6/2026 11:34 AM
132	I don't want the school to close. [REDACTED] [REDACTED]. It's not right to make them change schools.	6/6/2026 12:31 PM
133	With new houses being built in the area and an increasing population, I don't agree that the school size will get smaller.	6/6/2026 10:41 AM
134	Not at all, I have never seen any evidence that this is detrimental to children while learning.	6/6/2026 9:37 AM
135	Smaller class sizes, improve children's education. Mixing age groups is fantastic for social development	6/6/2026 7:59 AM
136	St. George's is an integral part of this village, a generational institution beloved and supported by its community and church	6/5/2026 9:25 PM
137	Smaller class sizes often lead to a far more personalised learning experience, with each student given more time and guidance from the teacher in regard to how they can be taught and nurtured in the best way possible.	6/5/2026 8:26 PM
138	How can it be proved that classes will get smaller	6/5/2026 8:07 PM
139	[REDACTED].	6/5/2026 7:58 PM
140	Mixed aged teaching works well in many small village primary schools throughout the country. Teachers are proficient at differentiating teaching to cope with this.	6/5/2026 7:49 PM
141	My children thrived being taught in mixed year groups.	6/5/2026 7:22 PM
142	[REDACTED] [REDACTED]. Mixed classes wont effect the learning of a child anywhere close to how much moving them all to a different school with new kids and teachers will. Kids need stability and a routine and they will be destroying that for them if they merge.	6/5/2026 7:01 PM
143	St Marks is a Church of England School as is St Georges....this is the problem....	6/5/2026 6:33 PM
144	Bit of a leading question. I don't believe that mixed age teaching is generally a bad thing. Exposure to children of different age groups is beneficial for development. I also don't believe that projected figures for smaller and smaller intake are well thought out enough. New housing in Capstan Field and new families moving into the area elsewhere is not being accounted for	6/5/2026 6:27 PM
145	It's an assumption that they will get smaller. Not a fact. Further promotion of the school could increase future intakes. [REDACTED]	6/5/2026 6:03 PM

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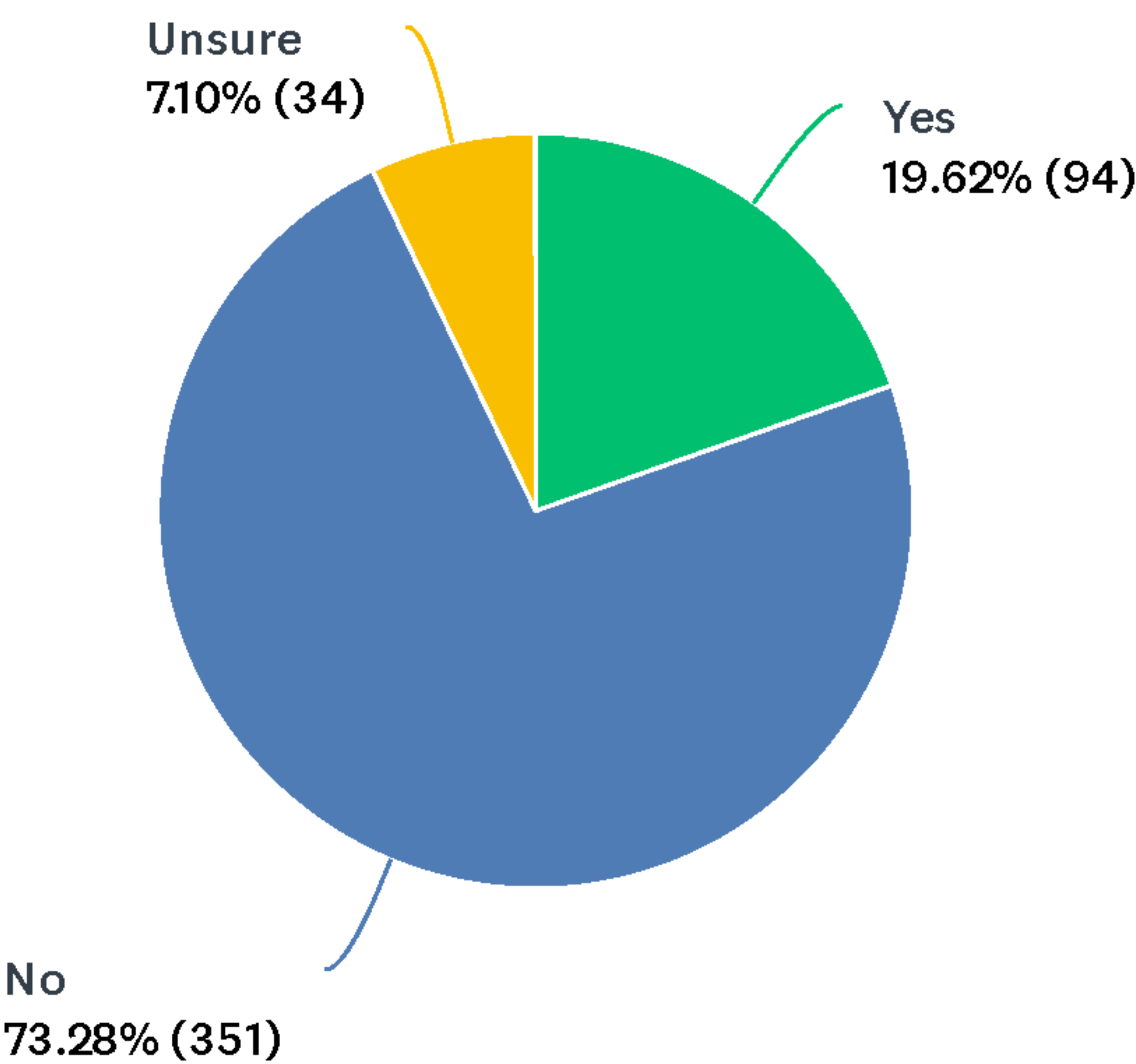
146	It's a terrible idea. Kids need kids their own ages. A 5 year old does not need to be in the same class as an 8 year old. That's what siblings are for.	6/5/2026 2:27 PM
147	re small classes. the proposal to close at George's when there is so much new housing for new families in the village is so short sighted. I believe the classes will grow.	6/5/2026 2:14 PM
148	St George's has always dealt with smaller class sizes and adapts well. Attendance is high, grades are significantly better, they are nurtured so well due to the sizing of classes. St George's pupils are proof that their education will not suffer due to small class sizes as the school and grades are already thriving.	6/5/2026 12:07 PM
149	If the class sizes decrease i don't feel it will be an ideal environment having possibly 3,4,5,6 all in same class.	6/5/2026 7:39 AM
150	I think this is a poorly phrased question. I don't think that it's a foregone conclusion that both schools will get smaller and smaller, and if it does happen it's not necessarily true that the quality of education will fall.	6/5/2026 7:16 AM
151	I don't think it will affect the quality of education as that comes from the teachers experience and qualifications, which I find to be exemplary. I also think smaller classes are beneficial to some of the children that require more attention at st marks, which other schools that are full can't provide. That being said, I do agree that having barely any children is not practical.	6/4/2026 8:24 PM
152	I am not sure, I have not been informed by the school of poor education?	6/4/2026 7:32 PM
153	This is a biased question you are saying that mixed aged teaching is always poor. This is NOT true. Mixed age teaching can have many benefits if done well.	6/4/2026 5:03 PM
154	It's proven that students benefit from smaller classes. Promote the school better than what you are don't, I feel you are taking a back seat you should be doing more!	6/4/2026 3:48 PM
155	Unsure, I was unaware there was a problem.	6/4/2026 2:57 PM
156	Smaller classes and village ethos is so important in the early years.	6/4/2026 12:36 PM
157	I don't see why the quality would have to worsen.	6/4/2026 12:40 PM
158	1	6/4/2026 6:16 AM
159	Whilst mixed age classes is not ideal, there are other ways to manage this. It would be a travesty to close St George's School, leaving Langton Matravers without, when Swanage have three.	6/4/2026 12:41 AM
160	This is a loaded and leading question. Which is not suitable for a fair questionnaire. It sounds like a question you'd get in a GCSE maths paper in which they would ask, tell us what is wrong with this question. Lower numbers makes it harder to finance a small school yes. However, there were promises made to St.Georges that joining CLP would protect them from this exact situation that you are not forcing upon us.	6/3/2026 9:50 PM
161	I don't feel st marks and st George's is a good merge at all	6/3/2026 9:47 PM
162	No evidence that the schools will get smaller and smaller! It's proven that the smaller the class the better quality of learning each student receives as they have more quality one to one with the teacher..... total nonsense in the jest of the question	6/3/2026 8:04 PM
163	The numbers will naturally pick up over the next 5 years due to the planned and current housing developments in Swanage, Langton, Harmans cross and worth, it will not take much to get St George's to capacity if you actually promote it properly, this school is thriving and a hub of the community and local area	6/3/2026 8:03 PM
164	This is entirely dependent on the teaching and support staff that are used to support these mixed age classes. If the right training and support for the staff is in place, the quality of education need not suffer.	6/3/2026 7:44 PM
165	But how do you know that this will definitely happen? There are more families in the area since Spyway Orchard was built.	6/3/2026 7:29 PM
166	Mixed age teaching only stands to benefit pupils, as it encourages social interaction across ages groups, and allows younger pupils the opportunity to access advanced education while ensuring that older students do not forget basic and earlier years learning skills.	6/3/2026 6:55 PM
167	Smaller classes even if mixed ages give the pupils a more direct one to one education ed	6/3/2026 6:52 PM

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168	This feels a little loaded as can we be absolutely certain this will happen(?) There are more houses being built in village and more planned at Capston Field with potential further families to the village. I am aware of 5 other babies in the village at least that will be of the future numbers.	6/3/2026 6:14 PM
169	Social Housing brings families	6/3/2026 6:15 PM
170	Small classes benefit the children, merging schools does not	6/3/2026 5:34 PM
171	St George's is a community village school and has always had a smaller and more inclusive system in place.	6/3/2026 4:18 PM
172	This survey is skewed to your aims.	6/3/2026 12:25 PM
173	disagree. Smaller schools and mixed-age teaching do not automatically reduce the quality of education. In many cases, mixed-age classes can encourage peer learning, stronger social development, and more individualised support from teachers. Smaller school environments can also create closer relationships between staff, pupils, and families, which can benefit children's confidence and wellbeing. The quality of education depends far more on effective leadership, good teaching, adequate resources, and community support than simply on school size or whether classes include mixed age groups.	6/3/2026 7:38 AM
174	Kids who need more focused attention in them benefit extremely from this system of small schools	6/3/2026 7:13 AM
175	[REDACTED] small schools are not only 'ok' for academic attainment and future prospects, but can be excellent.	6/2/2026 8:11 PM
176	In my experience the enthusiasm / knowledge of the teachers and number of disruptive children in each class is the major determinant for education quality, rather than merged classes.	6/2/2026 4:27 PM
177	[REDACTED] I am VERY unhappy	6/2/2026 2:20 PM
178	This is an unfair question as you are inferring that smaller mixed aged teaching is inevitable and ineffective	6/2/2026 1:54 PM
179	I feel that this is a leading question to which should you answer 'no' would suggest that you are in favour of declining education standards. This is not the case at all, the numbers forecast show that intake for St George's is higher of that of St Mark's which does suggest that you are looking at the wrong school to close.	6/2/2026 1:18 PM
180	I think it will reinforce essential early learning	6/2/2026 11:37 AM

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Do you broadly agree with the proposal to merge St. George’s into St. Mark’s to create St. George’s & St. Mark’s CE Primary School Pre-school on the existing St. Mark’s site?



Answer Choices	Percentage	Responses
Yes	19.62%	94
No	73.28%	351
Unsure	7.10%	34
Total		479

#	PLEASE FEEL FREE TO COMMENT FURTHER:	DATE
1	However as a resident of Langton Matravers I feel the loss of the school as an institution in the village depletes our community, I am concerned about what the current site of St Georges school would be used for. I do not want to live in a village that is just a dormitory where retired people come to die.	6/17/2026 3:34 PM
2	People will vote with their feet. If you close the more popular St George's, many of those parents will not go to St Marks, they will go elsewhere. The proposal risks the demise of both schools.	6/17/2026 11:00 AM
3	The 2 schools are very different for many reasons. St George's is the hub of the village and the loss would be immeasurable.	6/16/2026 11:51 PM
4	No. I do not broadly agree with the proposal to merge St George’s into St Mark’s on the existing St Mark’s site. I accept that falling pupil numbers and finances need to be taken seriously, but I do not believe the case has yet been made for the permanent loss of St George’s as a village school in Langton Matravers. This is an irreversible decision with a major impact on children, families and the wider village community. Before any such proposal progresses, I believe there must be far greater scrutiny of the pupil forecasts, the financial modelling, future housing growth, the Dorset Local Plan, community impact, transport implications, and the ownership/history of the St George’s site and associated land. I am also very concerned that housing developments have not yet been included in the pupil forecasts, despite wider local housing discussions and the emerging Dorset Local Plan. That makes it difficult to accept that the long-term need for village education in	6/16/2026 7:26 PM

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Langton has been properly assessed. My immediate priority is also that Coastal Learning Partnership confirms, clearly and in writing, that St George's will operate normally for the full 2026/27 academic year and that pupils entering Year 6 in September 2026 will be able to complete their final primary year at St George's.

5	The starting point must be that Langton Matravers, as a significantly growing Local Service Village, must have a local village primary school, just as do Swanags (3 currently), Corfe Castle, Wareham, etc.	6/16/2026 5:45 PM
6	St. Mark's site has the capacity to house both schools at their present pupil intake and expand should the birth rate and numbers increase in future years. It has fantastic grounds with plenty of outdoor learning space and for sports, a forest school, parking for staff and a pre-school that offers wrap around care throughout the year	6/16/2026 4:38 PM
7	Maxing out class sizes and moving settled children from one school to another, putting further strain on one school instead of more creative solutions is NOT in the best interest of the children.	6/16/2026 3:35 PM
8	Local schools are at the heart of communities. Increasing school sizes only leads to having to spread real learning even thinner than it is now. Bigger schools have more behaviour problems, this is stated fact. This in turns restricts the learning process thus disbarring children from reaching their full potential.	6/16/2026 10:17 AM
9	Langton school provides a unique educational environment in a rural village setting that has historical and cultural links to the community. It cannot be replicated in a larger school. The solution is not to simply close yet another rural village school in favour of larger units in towns. the answer will require a longer term vision and the understanding that this is precious to not only the children, teachers and parents, but to the village community both young and old. Take away the school and you turn this village into another dormitory settlement. most of the remaining social calendar in Langton revolves around the school. You have a moral duty to look beyond the spread sheets.	6/16/2026 9:50 AM
10	St George's is a village school sharing direct links with the community including local church, village hall activities, allotments, Forest School and preschool activities in the woodland trail and retired professionals offering their services to the school eg science week etc.	6/15/2026 5:18 PM
11	St Marks has the capacity to expand if the birth rate goes up again	6/15/2026 11:52 AM
12	st . George's represented the rurally based, non urban Purbeck community cultural ,as well as church based , network The villages have a rich social and . Not bussed down the road to a more anonymous and different type of community, , it helped us problem solve, mix and just belong to our community and neighbours. It was and is a very wonderful and valuable experience that needs to be cherished and retained.	6/15/2026 10:12 AM
13	this is fundamentally wrong for the school , pupils and village and surrounding areas. Their education and development is best served by maintaining this first class school in the village setting	6/15/2026 9:32 AM
14	Under the presumption that all or most children will filter over to Marks is very shortsighted in my opinion, Swanage has many schools, I fear closing St George's will result in home schooling and other school options for parents, the ofstead at st marks is lower than St George's that isn't promising to be honest	6/14/2026 11:54 PM
15	No. I am not convinced that merging the schools onto one site is the best solution. The impact on children, families, staff, community identity, and access needs to be properly considered before making such a major change.	6/14/2026 11:24 PM
16	It is a a temporary issue of dropping numbers & poor performance at st marks but a closure is a permanent solution completely unnecessary. In a financial world it is using a succeeding small vulnerable part of the group to patch up failing problems at a bigger school that is or expensive to fix. So paying off and closing the smaller site is seen as a cheap solution for the group. Look elsewhere in the group to increase quality at st marks and make this a more attractive quality school. St marks must find its own solutions not patch its own staffing issues and performance issues with a thriving st George's. This is only happening	6/14/2026 8:07 PM

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as St marks has problems and low intake vs all other primary's locally that are full. Using st George's as a way to fix St marks problems.

17	Why disrupt the education of pupils from either school when numbers are never certain. Parents should be allowed a choice of school.	6/14/2026 5:42 PM
18	Providing a local school for small children is vital for the village of Langton - without this it becomes less attractive to young couples to raise their children there. This will age the demographic to a retiree & 2nd home village.	6/14/2026 12:09 PM
19	If they can't right at their best separately then merge them but you need a strategy of with we have an huge birth increase as this will reduce the school place numbers	6/14/2026 11:51 AM
20	It makes sense to do this, but St George's families are concerned that they will lose their village school ethos and chose the school based upon this fact and the small class sizes that they wanted for their children. They are feelings uneasy about their children being in larger classes and not a village school and I think they would actually prefer the school to just get smaller and have 1 or 2 mixed aged classes.	6/14/2026 10:47 AM
21	It would be sad for a village to lose the local school but I recognise that the facilities at St Mark's are significantly better.	6/14/2026 9:33 AM
22	ABSOLUTELY NOT	6/13/2026 9:17 PM
23	This seems to be the most sensible option to me. Many children at St George's come from Swanage, not Langton	6/13/2026 5:29 PM
24	Every child deserves a good education and small classroom sizes not just one teacher and several assistants.	6/13/2026 2:22 PM
25	Closure of St Georges would not be in the interest of families whi live in the village and surrounding communities	6/13/2026 7:02 AM
26	Unsettling for the children, particularly those in their final year of primary education who would have to face two move in consecutive years.	6/12/2026 10:40 PM
27	St Marks is a fit for purpose school which can accommodate disabled children as it is all on one level and fully accessible. It is a safe secure site with plenty of outdoor learning, recreational spaces and sports pitches.	6/12/2026 9:49 PM
28	St Marks has a wonderful setting, surrounded by play areas and nature. Staff are encouraging and help all abilities to reach their full potential. Pastoral care is key and the wellbeing of children is front and centre with staff working very hard to ensure children's happiness both in the school and at home.	6/12/2026 9:09 PM
29	Class size increases	6/12/2026 6:37 PM
30	I understand the cost implications but I do understand birth rate fluctuations and quality of education. Merging the school could improve education [REDACTED]	6/12/2026 4:48 PM
31	It make sense as St Marks school have a large out side space away from the road making it safer for children	6/12/2026 4:20 PM
32	It make sense as St Marks school have a large out side space away from the road making it safer for children	6/12/2026 4:18 PM
33	It make sense as St Marks school have a large out side space away from the road making it safer for children	6/12/2026 4:18 PM
34	Leave the children be children why push them let them be kids 1st .what are you all think saves money What about let children be children	6/12/2026 4:07 PM
35	I feel that it is a good idea to merge schools, allowing more children to come together and create friendships. As well as teachers coming together to share knowledge	6/12/2026 4:07 PM
36	Parents should have a choice of school. St George's It's an excellent school And serves a vibrant community	6/12/2026 2:16 PM
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38	Parents should have a choice of school. St George's It's an excellent school And serves a vibrant community	6/12/2026 2:01 PM
39	No I do not agree. I disagree strongly to this proposal. St George's is the top achieving	6/12/2026 1:54 PM

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primary school on the Isle of Purbeck (Swanage and the surrounding villages). It is unethical and against government's advice to close a high performing school and particularly one in a rural location. There is a legal presumption against closing high performing rural schools, hence St George's school should be protected from closure based on the facts it is both high performing and rural. I would expect Coastal Learning Partnership to see St George's as a major educational asset as without it their results will decline. It should not be presumed that parents will send their children to St Mark's if St George's closes - they will vote with their feet and send their children to schools elsewhere - sometimes even if they have to pay for private education. Moreover, as a rural school St George's is vital to the continued resilience of the community of Langton Matravers and the surrounding villages, hamlets and small settlements. Without the school the community will become dormant, as with many other rural communities. If the school is kept open it can continue to be a base for the community during any crises that might hit - climate or conflict related, as it is a hub for people to come together to prepare for, respond to and recover from crises. Schools will become more and more important in small rural communities when people need support during a crisis. They are centres for education and training about how to cope in emergencies. The issue of pupil numbers can be mitigated by supporting the development of housing in and around the village. There are at least two current proposals which will bring young families into houses for rent and affordable homes to buy - they will be attracted to a village with a school. The Coastal Learning Partnership should value St George's School as its flagship rural school - attracting young families and being aspirational about the pupils who attend, drawing from a wide and diverse catchment area. New income streams could be explored, such as renting out the building during the holidays, to secure more funding. I would like to question how executive staff are paid at the trust - could savings be made here to protect the education of pupils out in the rural communities?

40	A small village school is an unbeatable start for young children. It provides an opportunity to mix throughout the different year groups and gain confidence in a small, supportive environment. [REDACTED]	6/12/2026 12:57 PM
41	closing the school would significantly change the demographic of Langton Matravers and the surrounding villages - attracting less families into the area which would have a knock on impact of all residents - for example there would be less need for other amenities, public transport, etc.	6/12/2026 11:57 AM
42	The village school in Langton currently achieves a consistently high standard of education to the young . The school is very well supported by the children of Langton and the surrounding villages and plays a very important part of village life. Please do not close or merge our wonderful schools. A village community needs and includes a church, a school and a pub!	6/12/2026 11:17 AM
43	There is already an issue with parents parking to drop children off at St Marks and the pre school where there is inadequate street parking. This will worsen if parents drive from Langton as the road is not safe for young children to walk and cross at the junction with Valley Road. St George's is a popular school at the heart of the village community. There are alternative schools in Swanage that pupils from St Mark's could be moved to if absolutely necessary. It would make more sense to merge on the St George's site since the number on roll is a smaller percentage of capacity at St Marks.	6/12/2026 10:36 AM
44	Absolutely not and this is a very badly worded leading question.	6/12/2026 9:56 AM
45	I believe the answer to that question might lie with comparable Ofsted inspections.	6/12/2026 9:03 AM
46	Schools retain the community of a village in spite of other communal losses. Keep going!	6/11/2026 8:55 PM
47	I would like to know what value CLP has ever provided to St George's since taking over. CLP has a near "state funded monopoly" on schools in the Purbeck area. As far as I understand it, CLP top slice 5 - 7% off the St George's budget. A Return on Investment Audit would be interesting : "Can the Trust provide an itemized financial breakdown proving that the cash value of the centralized services provided to St George's equals or exceeds the amount extracted from St George's budget? If not, then the CLP takeover has actively created or accelerated the local deficit you are now using to justify our closure."	6/11/2026 6:16 PM
48	this is to save St Marks and is simply a financial decision. The loo of St George's would be hugely detrimental to the village	6/11/2026 2:31 PM
49	The quality of teaching is very different. If the schools merge the forest school will close.	6/11/2026 2:24 PM
50	First of all, this isn't a 'merge' at all. This is a TRANSFER of children, with an integration into a bewildering environment, not popular either for the those being transferred or those who have to accept the transferred children. It will not help anyone, neither long-term nor short-term.	6/11/2026 1:22 PM

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51	The St. Mark's site has great grounds with fields, playground and forest school. The school building has capacity should numbers increase in the future and is capable of moving to this option immediately in September 2027. St. Georges field can only be accessed by crossing the main road through the village, the playground areas are smaller and the school does not have the capacity to expand if both schools are located on the St. Georges site. Also no parking for staff.	6/11/2026 11:03 AM
52	I acknowledge that the situation is challenging but the negative impact on a whole community does demand that the issue should be subject to more investigation, before a decision is made.	6/11/2026 9:36 AM
53	Closing St George's in Langton will have a detrimental effect on the village. It will be a less attractive place for families with young children. It will increase the number of car journeys as children who currently walk to school from the village will in most cases be taken to, and collected from, school by car	6/11/2026 8:34 AM
54	Schools have their own identities, and serve a particular locality. Children should be able to walk to school.	6/10/2026 10:28 PM
55	I am concerned that significant public money has already been invested in St. George's. Between 2014 and 2016, approximately £2.75 million was spent on major extensions and improvements to the school, funded largely through taxpayer-supported local authority and Department for Education capital funding. More recently, in 2021, a further £36,000 was invested in the playground through a combination of parish council funding, National Lottery grants, donations and community fundraising. Local residents, taxpayers and volunteers have contributed substantial sums to improve and sustain this school. Before a decision is made to close or abandon the site, the community deserves clear answers. How can it be justified to spend millions of pounds of public money improving St. George's only a few years ago and now propose leaving the site behind? What assessment has been made of the long-term value of these investments, and what would happen to the buildings and facilities that taxpayers and local residents have funded? Closing St. George's would not only waste previous investment but would also weaken the local community, reduce educational choice for families, increase travel requirements for children, and remove an important part of Langton Matravers' identity. The focus should be on finding ways to support and promote both schools rather than abandoning a well-funded community asset that generations of local children have benefited from.	6/10/2026 9:53 PM
56	It's a terrible idea to make very small children travel out of their area to go to school.	6/10/2026 8:50 PM
57	I feel very strongly that St George's should not close [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED] With all these new houses being proposed to be built in Harmons Cross and also a big site in Swanage then I think closing St George's Now would be a big mistake I'm sure that numbers will rise again in the coming years.	6/10/2026 8:29 PM
58	[REDACTED]	6/10/2026 6:55 PM
59	A sustainable community relies on local facilities including local education health provision and transport. The loss of s local Primary school in Langton Matravers is a pivotal cornerstone of this community and key to its sustainability.	6/10/2026 5:55 PM
60	Population dynamics can change, once a school closes it never reopens and the whole village suffers as a response.	6/10/2026 2:30 PM
61	Why close a good school St George's which offers a distinct education in a village location, to boost an unpopular one in Swanage. It won't work and is just a disaster waiting to happen	6/10/2026 2:24 PM
62	Makes more sense for St George's to stay open. Parents at St Marks have the choice of 2 other Primary schools within walking distance. St George's parents who live in Langton and nearby villages don't.	6/10/2026 1:32 PM
63	St George's is the heart and sole of the Langton community and it would be devastating if it closed. St Mark's is just one of many schools in Swanage and not such a pinnacle of the community	6/10/2026 12:28 PM
64	Move the other school to langton and expand the swanage school	6/10/2026 12:07 PM
65	I don't believe that increased class sizes benefit children. I feel that this is a money saving scheme rather than looking at the best interest of local children.	6/10/2026 10:56 AM

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66	If one is to close then it is the only option, plus the site offers the option to expand in future	6/10/2026 9:36 AM
67	st georges school in langton matravers is an important and integral part of the community of the village To lose the school in the village is not respecting or honouring the heart of the community	6/10/2026 8:15 AM
68	Their are enough pupils to keep the school viable and have good education. You can't resist the money you will get for the site it's so pathetic and nothing to do with good primary education. This is all about money not education . I am sorry to say it's greed and not about education or ryal communities.	6/9/2026 9:52 PM
69	As mentioned above, I would imagine that the nature and demographic of parents who send their children to a rural, village school, will look to find an alternative school with a similar environment, so numbers may still be low if this is agreed. There was a broad spectrum of families at St Georges. Multiple families who attended at the time our children were there in 2014-2023 would go to St Georges prior to moving to a privately funded school; I would imagine the quality of care and attention was a big factor. It could attract parents due to the intimate environment, the rural village location, the small class sizes, and being part of a small community. St Mark's is an excellent school, with good facilities and ample space around it, particularly for older children, but parents still have to park on the estate, walk and cross over a main road. For an alternative suggestion; St Georges stay at the current site, is the heart of the village and is the essence of the village. It's a very popular school for it's uniqueness within a community parish of its own and within the community. The current St Mark's sites combines with Swanage Primary- having the lower infant school at the Mount Scar Site and Junior Site at St Marks- with an progression route, ready for secondary transition to either the Swanage School or Purbeck. The change from the three tier system has meant that year 5-6 children may want to go to a larger, more expansive environment as the schools aren't necessarily fit for purpose. This then may also attract more pupils from other schools who want to have a change to a larger, purpose built environment with sports facilities and partnership with the Swanage School. For the question 4- below, this requires a collaborative approach from the local council, Dorset Council, business owners, our MP, landowners and a conversation surrounding levelling up within this area, with strategic planning. There are many social factors and global factors that are having a direct impact of many businesses, charities and educational establishments. It's a question of enduring and adapting to the temporary economic and social climate, but with very considered choices.	6/9/2026 8:35 PM
70	I feel with Pupil premium funding and temporary students St marks can operate without merger. The admission numbers provided are signicantly lower than reality when you add the temp students. I think will closer cost control and making a teaching head of st georges the deficit will be redcued to manageable level given all of the non financial benefits keepingthe school open provides	6/9/2026 9:03 PM
71	I recognise the demographic and financial challenges outlined in the consultation documents. However, I do not believe a sufficiently compelling case has yet been made that merging St George's into St Mark's is the best outcome for local children, families and the Langton Matravers community. The proposal places considerable emphasis on pupil numbers, finances, site capacity and future expansion. Whilst these are important considerations, I am concerned that insufficient weight has been given to the wider role that St George's plays within village life and the long-term impact of removing a primary school from Langton Matravers. St George's is not simply a building where education takes place. It is part of the fabric of the village and an important part of community life. The school helps foster a sense of belonging, connection and identity that cannot easily be measured through financial forecasts or capacity calculations. I remain unconvinced that the consultation has demonstrated that closure of St George's is the only, or the best, response to the challenges that have been identified, and I would urge decision-makers to give greater weight to the social and community value of retaining a village school in Langton Matravers.	6/9/2026 5:17 PM
72	St Marks site can accommodate all children from St George's and St Marks and can accommodate and increasing number as required. From my understanding, St George's can only accommodate 105 pupils and combined currently there is more than that. If St George's is the new site, does that mean some St Marks children will have to find a new school. This is be a cause of concern for families of St Marks pupils	6/9/2026 1:55 PM
73	I see this as sad and unfortunate but, in the circumstances, inevitable.	6/9/2026 1:48 PM
74	Personally, I feel that it is a great shame that so much negativity is surrounding the proposal in some areas. Outright closure is a very different scenario to relocation and merger but in some quarters this option is not being given a chance and is being overwhelmed by sentimentality and a subjective 'bunker mentality' attitude. The Purbeck Review of 2010-2011 foresaw the problem of falling school rolls leading to the current crisis	6/9/2026 12:36 PM

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but, in the face of opposition – which had as much to do with prejudice than educational considerations - Dorset (County) Council failed to grasp the nettle and ‘kicked the can down the road’. The only surprise is that it has taken this long, and the Covid pandemic, for the inevitable crisis to emerge. I wish the CLP leadership team well in implementing the necessary changes.

75	There are other schools in Swanage but St George's has a unique place as a village school that can't be replicated elsewhere	6/9/2026 12:00 PM
76	St George's is a thriving school and community so it would be highly detrimental to disperse pupils elsewhere, even if en masse, as not all pupils would follow to Swanage. There is no parking at St Mark's so the parents who choose to go there, should the proposal to go ahead, would need assurances of CLP's mooted minibus to serve rural areas including Langton children.	6/9/2026 11:12 AM
77	Vehemently disagree with this merger. It will be a devastating blow to the community; and most importantly our children.	6/9/2026 7:33 AM
78	I feel to an immediate merger could be short-sighted and will be detrimental to Langton Matravers village.	6/8/2026 10:21 PM
79	There are a lot of new housing developments in the village but no infrastructure to support them, losing the village school will mean some families have to travel further and this may not be feasible- it also loses the heart of the village and links in the community that are vital for a rural village and community.	6/8/2026 8:43 PM
80	Small, rural schools should not be regarded as “ bad” rather more the children should have rights to their own education in a school that is near their home and school should be part of their environment	6/8/2026 8:21 PM
81	St George is almost full, St Marks will become full when future housing developments increase the number of children	6/8/2026 8:25 PM
82	Do I like the idea? No! Is it what's best for the children Yes!	6/8/2026 7:47 PM
83	A disaster waiting to happen frankly. Too many children, too many parents, too many cars. There's no possible way this would benefit anyone.	6/8/2026 6:27 PM
84	St George's should remain its own school.	6/8/2026 4:17 PM
85	This should have been done the first time around. [REDACTED] feel the decision to keep St George's school was short sighted and ultimately would lead to further costs and the situation would come up again - which it has.	6/8/2026 3:10 PM
86	There is great merit to having a village school at Langton Matravers. It serves local children and has done for many years. The school provides a community within a community at the centre of the village. It has a rooted connection with St George's church and there is a life and purpose to its village status. Removing it would impact not only the pupils and families, but would tear at the fabric of the village itself. This is a much greater issue than simply joining a neighbouring school in the same town.	6/8/2026 2:44 PM
87	I think there is more they could have been done/ could be done. [REDACTED]	6/8/2026 2:43 PM
88	Langton needs a school to thrive as a village and to give parents a village school they can walk to.	6/8/2026 2:31 PM
89	St George's is a good school. Its closure would mean an irreversible loss for future generations of local children and a major loss for the community as a whole. It would also be hugely disruptive for current pupils in both schools. Merging a more successful school with a less successful one (based on attainment data, Ofsted etc) is going to reduce the quality of learning for the children in St George's therefore it would be impossible to agree to this proposal. Staffing is likely to be affected, I would expect loss of some staff including good quality teachers considering moving elsewhere. St George's has a special community feel and reputation, this would be lost if it were to be merged with another school such as St Marks. Also the lack of parking surrounding St Marks will lead to a scenario of either huge disruption to residents local to St Marks and pupil safety being compromised by increased car numbers at school start and end of day. Children with SEN in both schools will be particularly adversely affected by this huge change. Langton Matravers as a village, community and also the church and parish will lose the core of its community.	6/8/2026 1:17 PM
90	I don't feel it would be beneficial at all to any of the children but it would be specifically difficult for SEN students who are already thriving in the familiarity and small classes of St. George's with their wonderful support staff.	6/8/2026 1:11 PM

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91	St georges school is at the heart of the village and multiple family generations have been here. Keep this local school!	6/8/2026 1:34 PM
92	Absolutely not.	6/8/2026 12:46 PM
93	I think that it would be better to close St Marks school as there are already plenty of schools in Swanage where the pupils could go	6/8/2026 10:57 AM
94	The two schools, and the catchments they serve, are very different in their history and nature.	6/8/2026 10:05 AM
95	The loss of a village school is tragic for the school, local families, the village community. It would discourage younger families from locating in rural locations.	6/8/2026 9:45 AM
96	This option provides the best opportunity to ensure the quality and breadth of education for the children moving forward. The St. Mark's site offers teaching spaces that have capacity should pupil numbers rise, a secure large site with forest school, pre-school, wrap around care and car parking on site.	6/8/2026 9:19 AM
97	It's an awful idea. St George's school is thriving as a village school, the children are nurtured and doing well and we specifically chose this school for the smaller size	6/8/2026 8:01 AM
98	The schools should remain seperate	6/8/2026 7:55 AM
99	The Langton Matravers community needs its own school	6/7/2026 11:13 PM
100	St Georges School is embedded in the community of the village of Langton Matravers. It is a good and well supported school. It has been in the community for almost 200 years. Parents in and out of the catchment area choose this school. It has good results and a long history of excellence. St Georges School has strong links with the church.	6/7/2026 11:25 PM
101	Both schools are needed for each different area.	6/7/2026 11:17 PM
102	Why close a village school that has served for hundreds of years and seen so many children through their first part of education? This idea is absolutely absurd and will break the village of Langton ! It's another nail in the coffin .	6/7/2026 10:09 PM
103	Although the two school are relatively close geographically, the characters are very different. St George's school is a vibrant village school in the heart of the community. St Marks is a city/ town school, one of three in Swanage	6/7/2026 7:44 PM
104	It would be devastating to lose our village school.	6/7/2026 7:14 PM
105	There will be new housing available for young families in Langton Matravers, whereby the need to have a local primary school is essential.	6/7/2026 6:18 PM
106	It would be a loss to the Langton Matravers community to no longer have a primary school in the village. The children living in Langton may have to drive to school rather than walk impacting the environment, the health of the children. The children would, to an extent, lose their link with being part of the village and the church. Local residents would no longer be able to be part of a village school perhaps by no longer being able to attend community events at the school e.g. the school fete, bonfire night.	6/7/2026 7:06 PM
107	The village is on its knees thanks to 2nd homers !	6/7/2026 4:49 PM
108	Totally disagree with merging the two schools	6/7/2026 4:40 PM
109	. St George's isn't just a school it is a community, for the children who live in the village, , and for the parents. Lose the school and you lose the community, plummeting Langton Matravers into the darkness of second homes and holiday lets.	6/7/2026 2:32 PM
110	If it does go ahead the name of the school needs to change to give it a fresh new beginning.	6/7/2026 2:27 PM
111	The school and the students are an integral part of our community.	6/7/2026 1:52 PM
112	Leave st George's school as it is	6/7/2026 1:41 PM
113	Why change an education system that clearly works	6/7/2026 1:31 PM
114	St George's is a school at the heart of the village and surrounding villages. If the merger were to happen, there is no certainty that the parents of the children would send them to St Mark's (also a very good school). Geographically, Corfe Castle could be a preferred choice.	6/7/2026 12:51 PM

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115	I need to know more information about the proposed ideas and the reason for the proposed merger.	6/7/2026 12:19 PM
116	The local village children have further to travel.	6/7/2026 9:44 AM
117	As with any age groups the amount of children will vary year to year. As most schools are at a high capacity merging will make this problem worse in years to come.	6/7/2026 9:04 AM
118	St George's is a huge part of the community and if it is taken away then there will be nothing left. We don't want the village to just be made of second homes. We want there to still be the community aspect which there won't be if st George's closes	6/7/2026 8:58 AM
119	It's a terrible horrible idea. Why should a good school like St George's have to suffer because st marks cannot get their capacity up. Why do st marks need more students?	6/7/2026 7:32 AM
120	This will be a loss for the village and the church.	6/6/2026 10:27 PM
121	Close st marks and keep st georges	6/6/2026 9:26 PM
122	I believe this decision is based solely on the financial factors and not of teaching quality.	6/6/2026 8:40 PM
123	The local village children have further to travel.	6/6/2026 7:14 PM
124	Swanage has 3 primary schools. Why close the village school which is goodness knows how many years old and traditional (well until they did building and turned it into an eyesore) and keep St Marks open which is further for some parents to travel?	6/6/2026 7:04 PM
125	100% a bad idea	6/6/2026 6:52 PM
126	St Marks is one of a number of schools in Swanage. If the merger is financially necessary it makes much better sense for St George's to be the school that remains. It is an essential part of the surrounding villages- removing it will make the villages a location for second homes instead of the vibrant location attractive for young families. [REDACTED]	6/6/2026 6:10 PM
127	My view is that the closure of St Mark's would not affect Swanage in the same way that the closure of St George's would impact Langton Matravers.	6/6/2026 5:21 PM
128	If local residents are taking their children to the best school as present numbers prove they will carry on to the next best school St. Mark's will possibly gain a few extra but not many extra!	6/6/2026 4:58 PM
129	See above - this is depends on other factors than the headcount of children in the area. Langton Matravers fought hard to keep its school over 25 years ago. Perhaps it needs to have a USP (unique selling point) over and above the standard curriculum to attract more children, funding and exceptional teachers. Parents need to be ambitious for their children and work with the governors and teachers to help each child develop their potential as far as possible.	6/6/2026 4:26 PM
130	More affordable housing so people don't have to move out of villages because of cost of living, to many second homes.	6/6/2026 4:36 PM
131	The school numbers would be too large for effective teaching - also size of the school would be overwhelming for some pupils	6/6/2026 4:23 PM
132	St George's will be needed for years to come, with the building of new homes, as outlinded in 2 above.	6/6/2026 4:16 PM
133	I feel that as a community we should group together in support to find some form of solution to assisting the schools going forward.	6/6/2026 4:03 PM
134	Don't know - no information/analysis provided	6/6/2026 3:29 PM
135	The two sites need to remain. The village needs a Primary School - to shut it would be devastating.	6/6/2026 2:21 PM
136	Looking at current numbers, it would appear that St Marks is the larger risk, as numbers are well under PAN at this site	6/6/2026 2:00 PM
137	By closing St Georges you would be removing the heart of a thriving and close knit community (not full of second homes which is what would happen if the school were removed).	6/6/2026 11:34 AM
138	[REDACTED]	6/6/2026 12:31 PM

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139	Communities matter and the schools are part of village life enriching all.	6/6/2026 10:41 AM
140	This is such a bad move, you are proposing to send children from Langton, Acton, Worth along a very busy road, crossing the main road into Swanage, because you feel the need to close an excellent school, which is the heart of the village, because, according to you, funding is insufficient to keep one of these schools open. This was always going to be on the cards when these schools became academies, your admin overheads and most probably, huge salaries, will always take a massive chunk out of the government funding, it should never have happened. So angry!	6/6/2026 9:37 AM
141	If they must merge why not keep both sites operational	6/5/2026 9:25 PM
142	It is such a vital part of the village and brings so much vibrancy for everyone living in the area. If the school was to merge with St Marks and relocate to Swanage, it would be a tragedy for Langton and the community in this village.	6/5/2026 8:26 PM
143	I completely disagree, the standard of teaching improves from having smaller classes and why should the village loose another service why cant the swanage school move into langton if any school should close it should be one of the many already available in swanage	6/5/2026 8:07 PM
144	Langton school has been the heart of a small village community for many, many years. To lose this school would be devastating for the village and the local people.	6/5/2026 7:58 PM
145	St George's forms a vital part of community life within the village of Langton Matravers.	6/5/2026 7:49 PM
146	It will kill Langton Matravers village. It'll end ties with St George's church.	6/5/2026 7:22 PM
147	I feel this isnt for the good of the kids and just to save them some money in the long run. Living in the village, Im seeing more and more younger couples with young kids move here. There are also plans for more affordable housing, which will also draw in more young families. I believe that the school can grow, or at least manage for the sake of the kids and parents.	6/5/2026 7:01 PM
148	Swanage has three primary schools hide bound by their religious status	6/5/2026 6:33 PM
149	It would be an absolute travesty to lose such a popular and historic school in Langton. The St Marks site may be larger but that doesn't mean better. Closing a successful school is not the answer	6/5/2026 6:27 PM
150	St George's and St Marks are very different schools. You are targeting a village community, which is vastly different to a town school. If you close St Marks you have 2 further town options, If you close St George's parents will have no reasonable alternative and will have to travel miles to get their children to another village, community led setting. This is unacceptable in regards to the children's mental health.	6/5/2026 6:03 PM
151	no. I disagree for reasons stated above. also, the impact of closing st George's to the village of Langton is going to be worse than closing a school in Swanage which already has two other schools.	6/5/2026 2:14 PM
152	Absolutely not. A key part of St George's success is it's size, the location, the community that supports it and a wonderful reputation. Its intake for 2026 is close to capacity. St marks is Significantly suffering in all of these areas- reputation, grades, attendance, intake. It takes many working cogs to make a successful school and upheaving children from their location to aid another school to be successful is appalling.	6/5/2026 12:07 PM
153	The site is so much bigger and more purpose built with large playing field, forest school	6/5/2026 7:39 AM
154	I strongly disagree with this approach as it will negatively impact the village of Langton Matravers	6/5/2026 7:16 AM
155	I feel the grounds of St. Marks would be much more suitable for a merger and also the classrooms are more capable of hosting more children	6/4/2026 9:32 PM
156	My only concern is the unsettlement it will cause for the children who have to move.	6/4/2026 8:24 PM
157	I would personally create a new name rather than combining the two.	6/4/2026 7:58 PM
158	I am just worried about extra traffic on local roads, there is no parking and it's already a big problem in the area.	6/4/2026 7:32 PM
159	Losing the school from Langton would have impacts far beyond the current children's education. Future generations of young people from the village will have longer commute to school. The community cohesion from having a local school will be lost. With the high	6/4/2026 5:03 PM

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increase in children with anxiety and unmet SEND need in schools it is small schools such As St George's that are just the sort of environment needed to deliver the white paper

160	[REDACTED] can fully understand why the school is so important to Langton. It is a beautiful little school with a very close knit community and very strong link to the local church. [REDACTED] [REDACTED] The school added 2 extra year groups with no facilities to accommodate extra cars and the small road is regularly grid locked and busses getting stuck. This is also a serious risk to pupils and members of public. There is however, a similar issue around St. Marks, [REDACTED] [REDACTED] feel that if the schools were to merge, parking facilities need to be taken very seriously as the local roads are already dangerous with parents parking all over the place, on double yellows, the bus stops, over people's drive ways and on grass verges. Perhaps losing a section of the school field closest to the road, could be adapted to accommodate this serious issue.	6/4/2026 2:28 PM
161	St George's is more subscribed % wise and geographically more disruptive that for swanage pupils to be absorbed into other available schools .	6/4/2026 12:40 PM
162	The cost to local council taxpayers of under utilised schools is unacceptable	6/4/2026 9:58 AM
163	1	6/4/2026 6:16 AM
164	A few years ago Dorset Council decided to change the three tier system of schooling to two tier in this area, without any consultation, and yet other areas in the county were left as before. Langton Matravers appeared to have the biggest change, with vast amounts of tax payers money, demolishing three buildings, school hall, canteen and kitchen and the old pre school. The existing pre school building totally out of keeping with our lovely village and ridiculous pillars covered in hugely expensive Portland Spangle, which means nothing to most people. You now intend to close the school so that Dorset Council can once again benefit from the sale. Of course we, the village are not happy.	6/4/2026 12:41 AM
165	There is no need to merge the schools. There are three primary schools in swanage. Run by CLP. St Mark's could be closed, the pupils could be offered places between the other two schools that service swanage. St.Georges is a village school in Langton. It is not correct to assume that they are the same community. Both have their own identity. I am sure pupils at St.Marks could also come join the fantastic, thriving school that is St.Georges. It is irresponsible to close the more successful school to save the failing school when there is no real need to keep St.Marks open. Parents voted with their feet by leaving St.Marks. I also know of Parents with children at St.Marks who are not happy with the lack of expertise among the teaching staff. If you sent out a parent survey, measuring fairly, parental opinions of each school, I know that St.Georges Parents would let you know how much they love and appreciate the school. I do not think you would get the same positive response from St.Marks Parents. Choose to keep open the school with the better outcomes for their pupils and the school that has such a great atmosphere that is not replicated elsewhere.	6/3/2026 9:50 PM
166	Making three schools in Swanage . Is not the answer St George's should not be the school to close . It can take another 20 children at least and the other failing school Swanage primary would have places for st marks pupils too . To take a school away from the village makes alot of miles between schools . There is new houses being built into he village which will increase numbers in st George's . You are further encouraging second homes to the village instead of families	6/3/2026 9:47 PM
167	Not a bad idea but some what contradictory to your plan of wanting to close the school? Please remember most of the parents choose St George's because of the small classes, you offered this to them so stand by your community it's historically been a small school.... Shall we close every village school in the country that has the same small group of students?	6/3/2026 8:04 PM
168	Losing St George's would be a terrible mistake, the school has been in action for over 200 years, what gives coastal the right to end it. The school is a thriving hub to the local community. It's location is the main catchment area to Langton, Worth, Acton, Kinson, Harmans Cross, a lot of people even now live in these areas, work in these locations and children go to school in the village, a very old way of living that is only on the up with people having enough of the city life. A few points to note For what they're worth. My first point would be this is not really a consultation - you are hoping we will ratify your decision - that was made with soulless business focus rather than in consultation about what's best for the community. Two - car parking for staff shouldn't trump safe access for children - it's harder to drop off kids by car at st marks than St George's as we can't use their car park. Three - why does Swanage need 3 primary schools? - I'd question if st marks is actually viable long term given this and falling birth rates - but geographically the villages will always need one	6/3/2026 8:03 PM

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here. Four - the community impact of shutting St George's is far bigger than st Marks, also given new homes, ensuring it's a viable community & 200 year history. Five - although it's bigger site away from anyone, parents and children want to feel part and centre of a community where you walk to church etc. which they you see as constraints but is actually its strength. These are but a few of many points we will be fighting this with.

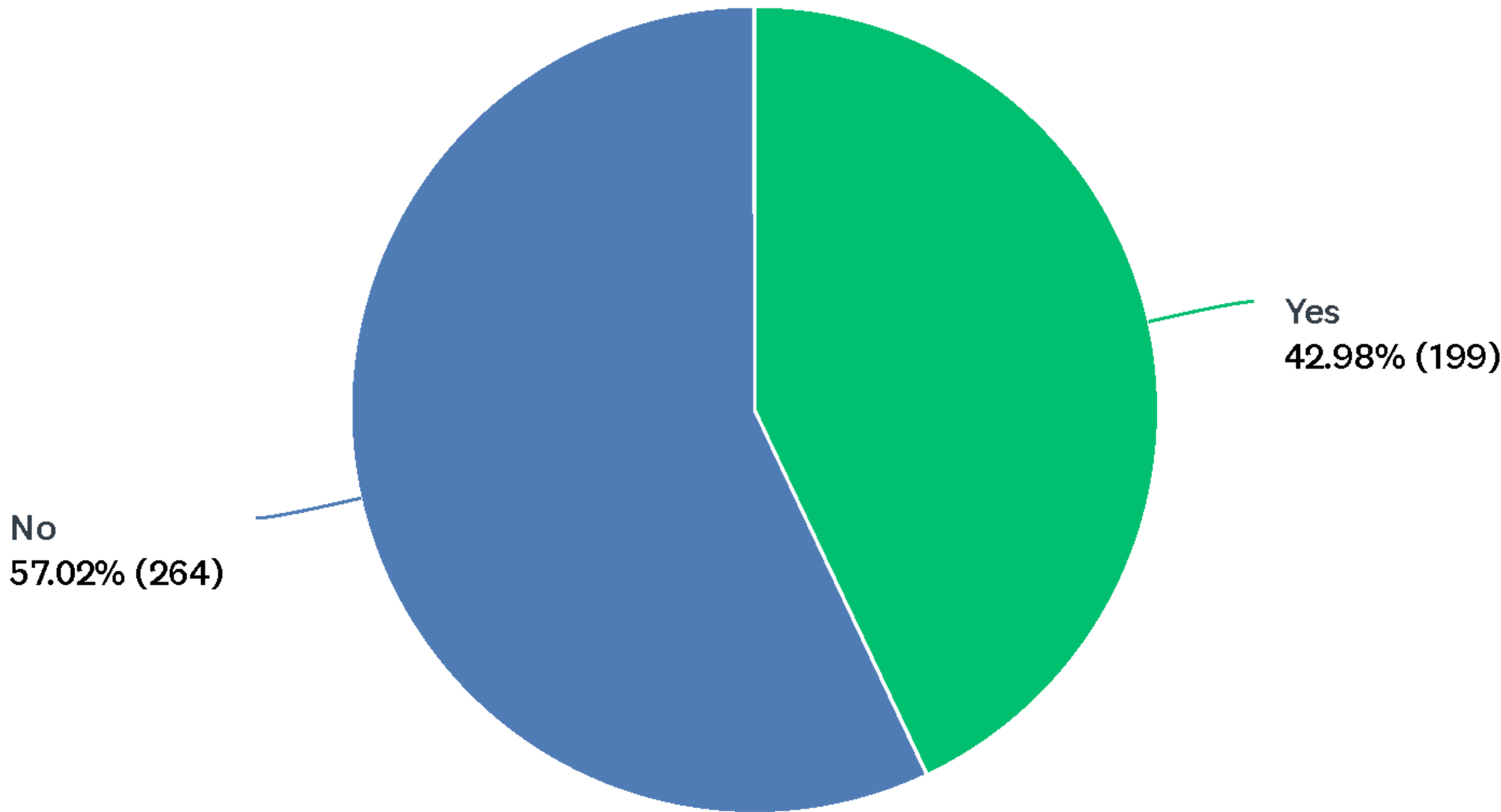
169	Whilst the facilities of St marks are superior to that of St georges, we cannot overlook the importance that the school has within the village community. Removing the school and relocating outside the village is not necessarily the solution.	6/3/2026 7:44 PM
170	I think St George's School should remain open. If the merger goes ahead, it will also put more pressure on the traffic at the bottom of Days Road, which is already very difficult, especially with parking.	6/3/2026 7:29 PM
171	St Marks has a long standing history in Swanage of poor teaching standards, over saturation of SEND pupils, who are afforded more attention from teaching staff at the detriment to other students. School staff also have a poor reputation in the local area due to known cases of bullying (both towards students and other staff members)	6/3/2026 6:55 PM
172	For the growing number of children living in the social housing in Langton traveling further to school is not safer or necessary	6/3/2026 6:52 PM
173	I have not visited the site at St Marks before. Is it the bigger site(?) Presumably there will be loads more vehicles for drop off, can the site cope with that traffic? [REDACTED] [REDACTED]. However, combined classes for Primary ages do not worry me. There is research to say that boys in particular benefit from the continuity of having the same teacher for multiple years as opposed to change each year, and I have always liked that concept at St Georges.	6/3/2026 6:14 PM
174	Social housing brings young families	6/3/2026 6:15 PM
175	St Marks already has issues with parents parking, this would mean more vehicles at drop offs and pick ups. Also Swanage already has another 2 schools as well as st marks. Langton has the one. [REDACTED] [REDACTED] The building works taking place at the Malthouse are ruining the village, providing home for the rich and retired not families or the younger generations and with further proposal for more affordable homes I don't see how St George's will not be viable. I [REDACTED] [REDACTED] If the school closes the village and the community will be lost.	6/3/2026 4:18 PM
176	I firmly disagree	6/3/2026 12:25 PM
177	I disagree with the proposal to merge St. George's into St. Mark's on the existing St. Mark's site. I am concerned that this could reduce parental choice and weaken the sense of community and identity that both schools currently provide. I also worry that combining the schools may lead to larger class sizes, increased pressure on facilities, and less individual attention for pupils. I believe both schools have value in their current form, and that alternative solutions should be explored before proceeding with a full merger.	6/3/2026 7:38 AM
178	If any school has to close it makes much more socio-economic sense to close St Mark's and maintain the village school at Langton, which offers a distinctly different education to the other larger Swanage primaries. The village will die without the school and risks becoming a retirement and second home annex to Swanage	6/3/2026 1:46 AM
179	[REDACTED] bigger classes possibly being pushed out due to becoming more overwhelming [REDACTED] Parking is a problem too !	6/2/2026 10:36 PM
180	St Marks has amazing facilities for a primary school (school fields, playground and a fabulous forest school) all on the school site. This school can also accommodate classes of 30 if numbers increase. In addition, it also has sufficient parking for school staff and parents/visitors.	6/2/2026 9:26 PM
181	Having conducted some research, it is clear that whilst St George's is a high performing and successful school, St Marks is well below national average in terms of % of pupils meeting expected standards. Out of the two schools, St Marks also has the biggest gap between its capacity and actual/predicted enrolment. It seems that St Georges, a beloved village school that is a huge part of the community, is being sacrificed to help a failing Swanage school. Is there no other options to merge St Marks with another Coastal Partnership school?	6/2/2026 8:11 PM
182	I do not agree	6/2/2026 7:12 PM

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183	I do not believe it will lead to better outcomes for the children (it may be neutral) however, I can understand the financial reasons for doing this.	6/2/2026 4:27 PM
184	I think this appears to be a sensible thought, [REDACTED] [REDACTED]. I also wonder about the impact on send provision, [REDACTED]	6/2/2026 2:40 PM
185	I feel we have been here before. There was a massive school reorganisation from three to two tier education resulting in schools closing in 2013. [REDACTED] [REDACTED] Children living in rural communities should be able to attend a local village school, not be shunted off to school in town. Children at St George's enjoy the benefits of a church school to the full; whilst St Mark's is also a church school I don't think they use their local church in the same way. St George's pupils are able to hold Easter and Nativity celebrations in St George's Church which I don't think happens in Swanage. Swanage has two other primary schools which seems sufficient for a small town- Wareham has only one.	6/2/2026 1:54 PM
186	The closure of a village school would be detrimental to the village community, including its church. Currently there are three schools within the Swanage town area so with the forecast of declining intake the two other schools of Swanage would be well equipped, should this forecast prove correct, without the need to close St George's. The forecast also shows a higher intake for St George's compared to St Mark's for the future which makes your own numbers contradict your proposal to close the St George's site.	6/2/2026 1:18 PM
187	It is always extremely busy at drop off and pick up and merging the schools will only add to more traffic. If the schools are to merge then it should be named St Marks as that is the site of St Marks (it's not all about St George's).	6/2/2026 1:30 PM
188	I agree that this is a sensible option, although from an emotional perspective, [REDACTED] [REDACTED]	6/2/2026 12:36 PM
189	Langton is a lovely site [REDACTED]	6/2/2026 11:37 AM

Q4 463 responses

Do you have an alternative suggestion for how the issue of falling pupil numbers in the Purbeck area could be managed?



Answer Choices	Percentage	Responses
Yes	42.98%	199
No	57.02%	264
Total		463

Q5 Please describe your alternative suggestion:

Answered: 190 Skipped: 302

#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	Could the St George's site become a sixth-form college focusing on vocational courses run in conjunction with apprenticeships in local trades such as stonemasonry. The Swanage school has no post 16 education and pupils have to transfer to Wareham at present.	6/17/2026 3:39 PM
2	St Mark's merge onto St George's site	6/17/2026 3:44 PM
3	If one of the schools really must close, then close the less popular one. BUT, mixed year teaching has worked out well in the past at St George's, so why not at St Marks? The birthrate/population fluctuates. We need a more resilient model than boom & bust for schools.	6/17/2026 11:00 AM
4	1) St mark as could move to St George's as the falling numbers do not warrant 3 primary schools in Swanage. 2) the schools could be split as infant/juniors as they are in Winterborne Kingston.	6/16/2026 11:56 PM
5	I believe several alternatives should be properly explored and modelled before an irreversible decision is made to remove St George's from Langton Matravers. Firstly, this appears to be a wider pupil-place planning issue across the Purbeck area, not simply a St George's issue. If there are surplus places across several local primary schools, then Dorset Council, CLP and the Diocese should consider whether PAN numbers across the area can be managed more evenly, rather than closing a village school and permanently removing primary education from Langton Matravers. Secondly, St George's should be properly assessed as a smaller village school with a realistic PAN and planned mixed-age structure. Mixed-age teaching can present challenges, but it should not be treated as automatically meaning poorer education. CLP's own FAQs refer to mixed-age teaching being used effectively elsewhere within the Trust. Thirdly, I believe St George's could be developed around a distinctive rural, outdoor, wildlife, environmental and community-based education offer. Its village setting, outdoor space, local heritage and location near the countryside/coast could be used as a strength rather than treated as a weakness. A smaller school with a clear identity may be more attractive to families than a school simply presented as declining. Fourthly, the recent extension of St George's to include younger children and the village pre-school should be given time to prove itself. A strong early-years and pre-school route should be central to any plan for future viability. Fifthly, further shared leadership, shared staffing, shared curriculum planning and shared services between local schools should be fully costed before closure is pursued. Finally, no irreversible decision should be made until Dorset Council's housing assumptions, local developments, affordable housing, and the emerging Dorset Local Plan have been fully built into the pupil forecasts. It is very difficult to support the permanent loss of a village school when future housing growth has not been fully assessed. If CLP believes it cannot operate St George's sustainably, then Dorset Council, the Diocese and the DfE should also explore whether another governance or operating model is available, including support from another trust or a more locally focused partnership, before closure is considered.	6/16/2026 7:27 PM
6	More affordable housing	6/16/2026 5:53 PM
7	Of the 3 Swanage primary schools, St Marks is by far the most undersubscribed and this has been the case for many years. Many Swanage parents actively avoid sending their children to St Mark's, hence why Swanage Primary and St Mary's are largely full. Closing St George's will not fill St. Mark's since parents will simply take their children to Swanage Primary, St Mary's or Corfe Castle instead. Develop a plan to ensure the viability of St George's (not hard given the rising number of local family homes) and accept that the problem lies at St Mark's	6/16/2026 5:51 PM
8	We need another secular school, not fewer schools overall. When we discovered that Swanage Primary was full for the year we wanted we nearly didn't move to Swanage at all - we had no interest in a CofE. An additional secular school would bring families in from further afield. Plus the larger issue not being addressed is the families that cannot afford to raise their children in Swanage, and all the empty holiday homes. With the council tax rise and people selling off their AirBnBs, plus the new homes being built, families will only be able to consider this area if there is room for their children to go to school. This plan is SO short sighted and leaves no room for growth.	6/16/2026 3:42 PM

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9	Small schools need protection. They are a vital part of community well being.	6/16/2026 12:49 PM
10	There is a failure to consider local housing increases by LMPC who are seeking land for a CLT project, Swanage Town Council with 2 CLT projects, the local plan to be completed gives up to 400 new houses in Swanage and Govt increasing council tax to double for second homes forcing more onto the market at affordable prices all suggest more families and more children and yet your consultation fails to refer to these. Taking these into account we could see a substantial increase in numbers over the coming 5 year period consolodating the need for the 2 schools. Eduction is about the future not today.	6/16/2026 12:32 PM
11	Restrict the number of homes in the area that can be used as 2nd homes or holiday lets. This proportion of such properties, makes it difficult for families with children, either to rent a property or be able to afford a home in the local community.	6/16/2026 10:20 AM
12	Falling numbers might be raised by looking to those schools that are oversubscribed such as Swanage Primary which has 30 per class and struggle to give some pupils the required personal attention. Creating communication over which potential pupils might benefit from a smaller village school experience. There are for example pupils who live outside Swanage and indeed outside the catchment for Swanage Primary, who go to Swanage Primary. With coordination, there could be a more measured and balanced distribution of pupils to raise the numbers in the smaller village schools such as Langton. There could also be coordination with schools just outside the immediate district, to see if again, some parents might favour a smaller village school for their children and be prepared to commute to give their child a school environment that will suit them better.	6/16/2026 10:01 AM
13	Falling pupils numbers is a current trend, but it is not a certainty moving forward. However, once this local school is lost, it will never be reinstated. This does not offer a solution, but it highlights what surely should be a consideration. Mixed classes can be taught very effectively and, in many cases, allow for better support of less able children and more rigorous challenge of higher prior attainers. Clearly there needs to be greater focus on the pastoral care to ensure friendships develop within age cohorts but with a will to do so, this is achievable.	6/15/2026 8:49 PM
14	The numbers have been consistent. Advertise the school promoting its community and learning ethos. Invest in the pre school to have a consistent feed into the school.	6/15/2026 7:25 PM
15	Keep both schools open. Promote both schools.	6/15/2026 6:24 PM
16	Keeping both schools open.	6/15/2026 6:00 PM
17	Mixed age range classes. The village has had recent housing development particularly for young families with one now existing and one in the planning stage. 5 new families have also moved into the village noting there is a local school.	6/15/2026 5:21 PM
18	I understand from others, that this is already a done deal! There are planning applications for new houses ie: in the Harrows House area for 73 houses, so I regard this as a highly short term numbers system . Rent out the school during the holidays to community or outward groupsgroups etc, be creative and get adults in for adult classes in the evenings	6/15/2026 10:15 AM
19	Numbers are falling all over the country so this is not just an issue in the Purbecks. Pupil numbers will rise again and the figures you have predicted are just plucked out of thin air. Could St Marks site be used for a sixth form for the Swanage school? St Georges was built with flexible spaces and a capacity to take over 120 pupils.	6/15/2026 9:54 AM
20	Look at the projected increase in housing for langton , harmans cross and Swanage and you will realise that pupil numbers will actually be increasing and the need for both schools to cope witht he increased numbers	6/15/2026 9:34 AM
21	Yes. I believe alternatives should be fully explored before merging the schools onto one site. This could include closer collaboration between the schools, shared leadership, shared staffing, flexible use of buildings, improved promotion of both schools to local families, and looking at ways to attract more pupils before making a permanent decision. Any solution should protect children's education while also considering families, staff, access, and the importance of each school to its local community.	6/14/2026 11:25 PM
22	This is a financial rich group that wants to prop up a school that would be terrible for it's regulation to loose, st marks. Use qualified staff & boost it's senco support roles to help reduce the terrible sen reputation and unqualified sen team coping with high levels of sen. Unqualified staff in many roles run too thinly mean low performance. Merge facilities with corfe and run buses between to share the amazing PE facilities st marks have. Make more use of the resources, hire out more - it's an amazing huge site underused. Share senior roles- can't there be a head/ co head roles for corfe , at marks & at st George's - one/co head to cover purbeck - save money?	6/14/2026 8:17 PM

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23	1) A more sensible, less chaotic response to the Government's Housing Policy which overloads some areas to the detriment of schools like these. 2) One headteacher for both schools. 3) Alternative sources of funding should be explored.	6/14/2026 5:45 PM
24	Continue to fund local schools through the peaks & troughs of pupil numbers - better for a diverse demographic of villages like Langton.	6/14/2026 12:10 PM
25	If there could be some alternative provision for children who are not able to access mainstream education or SEN satellite provision in one of the schools then this could possibly allow the two schools to be one school but in two buildings? Over all Purbeck Schools there are number of children who access alternative provision which is costly and there are some with specialist agreed in their EHCP's but there are no places for these children so they are stuck in their mainstream schools until one becomes available or have to access AP. Cost of AP is anywhere from £60- £200 per hour!!!! depending upon need. There is no specialist provision in Swanage- the only specialist school in Purbeck is The Harbour School and they don't take children under Yr5.	6/14/2026 11:02 AM
26	because you have to have personal centered teaching for the individual students ! which st George's gives . [REDACTED]	6/13/2026 9:21 PM
27	Review the projected population growth and factor this into the data	6/13/2026 7:02 AM
28	Reduce teacher pupil ratio. Mixed age teaching with specific teacher age related skills being used.	6/12/2026 10:42 PM
29	With more affordable housing being built will bring more children.	6/12/2026 8:59 PM
30	changing the school day/ term times to justify paying for staff for small numbers. offer transport for children out of the area to access these schools	6/12/2026 8:20 PM
31	Close St Marks. [REDACTED]	6/12/2026 8:20 PM
32	A forabable housing	6/12/2026 6:38 PM
33	Introduction of SEN places for children who are struggling to find a specialist place. Ride it out because my previous nursery closed due to low birth rates but then in a year or 2 numbers increased massively so more early years settings were needed. [REDACTED] One day there will be so many children needing primary schools and then you want to close one? Buildings stay empty for years or repurposed for things that aren't needed. Don't lose a school and upset existing parents by merging make cuts or reduce costs to things that aren't needed. Charge parents for trips instead of being free. Money can be recouped	6/12/2026 4:52 PM
34	There are already plans for building more homes in Langton Matravers and Harmans Cross which are expected to be available for local families. There are also several families who have moved into the village because of the school.	6/12/2026 2:20 PM
35	Provide a shuttle bus for children in Swanage to attend the school .	6/12/2026 2:17 PM
36	Accept that there will be falling numbers This is not a reason to close an excellent school. Employ more T.As to support fewer teaching staff if this is necessary. Pupil numbers change over the years be prepared to support Schools, not close them	6/12/2026 2:07 PM
37	The success of the schools is intrinsically linked to supporting the development of housing in Swanage and the surrounding villages. [REDACTED] . If more could be done to encourage families to move to the area, by supplying homes they can afford, the issue with the numbers falling would disappear. I also think St Mark's could be the school where there is an SEND hub. St Mark's has a higher % of children who need SEND support - plus it has more space and car parking. It would make more sense for St George's to stay open as the flagship, high performing rural primary school, whilst St Mark's is developed as an SEND hub (possibly with a small intake of primary pupils without SEN needs). This would enable both schools to stay open, provide an SEND hub for the whole area and enable parents and pupils with SEND to have a smooth transition from St Mark's to the nearest secondary school, The Swanage School (which has excellent provision for SEND). New income streams could support funding - the buildings of all the schools in the CLP are often dormant in school holidays but surely they could be rented out more for use by organisations looking for facilities?	6/12/2026 1:50 PM
38	We need to up the profile of St George's, encourage more volunteering, more open days,	6/12/2026 1:38 PM

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invite in more interesting people like musicians or artists to run special days etc

39	St George's ran at 75% or less on roll for the six years we were connected with it. Is it not possible to scale provision according to numbers?	6/12/2026 1:01 PM
40	schooling needs to be looked in the round - encourage more facilities and ammenities into the area will result in more families in the area that then need schools.	6/12/2026 11:58 AM
41	Merge the schools at St George's site with the option of offering further places at Swanage Primary to families unable to travel to Langton.	6/12/2026 10:37 AM
42	Merge st marks with st gs	6/12/2026 10:09 AM
43	There are numerous alternatives that don't rip the heart out of a rural village.	6/12/2026 9:57 AM
44	Lower taxes and give more incentives for families to procreate instead of treating them like milch cows.	6/12/2026 9:04 AM
45	Stop employing executive leadership and start paying for the teachers and TAs at the chalk face because that shows you truly value education and want to put children's wellbeing and progress at the heart of education.	6/11/2026 10:46 PM
46	Close one of your failing schools in Swanage.	6/11/2026 10:40 PM
47	Hold tight - new affordable housing in the next few years should solve the problem first St George's. Leave the academy group	6/11/2026 2:32 PM
48	Reduce the size of the classes! Young children benefit immeasurably from attending a local school	6/11/2026 1:23 PM
49	Demographic changes are unpredictable and can be cyclical. Similarly, national education policy and funding changes over time. Asserting the value of small schools and resisting short-term pressure to merge and amalgamate could keep a valuable asset that forms part of the lifeblood of the village. Given how much store the people of Langton put on their school, a public campaign to boost the school's funding could secure its future	6/11/2026 12:12 PM
50	Retain St George's School and combine St Marks and Swanage Primary	6/11/2026 11:11 AM
51	Keep both the schools as they are and take out the religious intake aspect. There will be an increase in numbers as more young families move into Purbeck, as well as the existing families choosing either school for their babies and toddlers that currently live in Purbeck.	6/11/2026 9:46 AM
52	Closing Langton primary school is a short term decision. It will make the village less attractive to families with young children. The falling number of children of school age in the village will then be used by policymakers in future to justify the decision. Schools should be maintained with smaller class sizes. As alternative to taking children from Langton, Worth and Kingston to Swanage, perhaps some children from Swanage could be offered places at Langton? If teacher numbers are stretched, could specialist teachers (as opposed to class teachers) and teaching assistants work across a couple of sites? It is far less disruptive to ask an adult to work in two locations during the working week	6/11/2026 8:39 AM
53	I'd suggest that falling pupil numbers are seen as an asset; that vertical grouping can also be a great educational resource.	6/10/2026 10:29 PM
54	Rather than merging and abandoning St. George's, I believe more effort should be made to increase pupil numbers and make better use of the existing facilities that taxpayers and the local community have already invested in. This could include expanding nursery and early years provision, offering additional wraparound care, strengthening partnerships between local schools, and actively promoting the school to families moving into the area. I believe this proposal is premature and that St. George's could be placed under a review period of at least 3–5 years before any irreversible decision is made. Falling pupil numbers are not unique to St. George's and are linked to wider demographic issues across Purbeck, including the increasing number of second homes and holiday lets, which reduce the number of permanent families living in local villages. Closing the school does not address the underlying causes of declining enrolment. Instead, Dorset Council should work with local communities to support affordable housing for young families, encourage permanent residency, and actively promote the school. If these measures are given time to take effect, pupil numbers may recover. Given the significant funding the school has received in recent years, it seems unreasonable to abandon the site without first exploring all alternatives and allowing sufficient time to properly and carefully assess future demand. Once a village school is closed, it is extremely difficult to reopen, and the loss to the community is irreversible. As a former pupil and local (year- round) resident, I strongly urge you to reconsider this proposal. The decline in pupil numbers should be viewed as a symptom of	6/10/2026 10:06 PM

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wider housing and demographic challenges in Purbeck, not as evidence that St. George's itself has failed.

55	Encourage young families to come and live in Langton, Worth, and Kingston. It is not trust and now problem if there are no young people in the area. Make sure there is a suitable bus service to all the villages, not just for the school children but for everybody.	6/10/2026 8:52 PM
56	Really need to encourage young families to live in the area. It's not just a now problem if there are no young people coming through.	6/10/2026 8:48 PM
57	As I said previously, I think You should consider having a send unit added To the school, I'd also like to know what they propose to do with St George's site. As I said closing St George's at this present time I feel would be a huge mistake and very disruptive for the pupils and the families of the children of which I'm related to, with all these new houses being proposed there would be lots of new families moving to the area.	6/10/2026 8:34 PM
58	Merge classes	6/10/2026 8:08 PM
59	Maybe 3 primaries in swanage is a bit excessive. Could there be just 2? Or does this only concern the coastal partnership schools. Do they only look at pupil numbers in their own schools and how that affects their bottom lines???	6/10/2026 7:01 PM
60	1 Widen the catchment area for the school and ensure local school transport supports the increased numbers of pupils attracted to the school 2 Develop SEND places at this school ensuring that there is local provision to avoid pupils across Dorset travelling to provision in other counties or travelling long distances across Dorset	6/10/2026 6:03 PM
61	The proposed new builds around should be targeted at young families who will help the school to thrive.	6/10/2026 3:40 PM
62	The writing has been on the wall for years for StMark's. It won't survive long term whether St George's closes or not. So it would actually be more long sighted considering the falling number of primary school children to close StMark's. Lots of good alternative uses for the St Mark's building. The only hope of keeping a CoE school here is to boost St George's and its distinct educational offering as an alternative to the two other larger swanage primaries	6/10/2026 2:29 PM
63	Population trends fluctuate over the years. With increasing numbers of new houses in the village, likely more families will move in.	6/10/2026 2:19 PM
64	There needs to be more alternative provisions for children to access education! There is an increasing number of children and their parents who are electing home education because the standard school setting isn't tight for them. Education is incredibly important, as is the mental welfare of our children. The school system needs to be addressed with a wider view, it's time to take the blinkers off!	6/10/2026 2:13 PM
65	More quality, eco, affordable housing in Purbeck so young families can stay in Purbeck without leaving to live in Poole needs to be the long term strategy. Close St Marks and spread pupils between the other Primary schools in Swanage Langton and Corfe. Much easier for a St Marks parent to walk their children to another Swanage school than for a Langton parent to walk to a Swanage Primary school. An attraction for young families to live in Purbeck is a village school. Don't shut such a great school. It's part of village life and a great asset to Langton and nearby villages like Acton, Harmans cross, Worth and Kingston	6/10/2026 1:44 PM
66	It appears that alot of new housing has been approved for Langton which will hopefully bring in more families. Without a school, many of these homes may never sell and yet more empty properties	6/10/2026 12:29 PM
67	Make it partly an upper school aswell, teach older children from the village there	6/10/2026 12:08 PM
68	I do not believe an alternative is required due to the reasons given.	6/10/2026 11:20 AM
69	More affordable housing for young families and restrictions on houses being purchased solely as holiday homes.	6/10/2026 10:57 AM
70	Invest in and improve provision so that numbers pick up or make the school niche provision eg SEND specialist school	6/10/2026 5:42 AM
71	This is the only school in the village. Combine other schools in Swanage unless its all about bankrolling the trust with development and funds. Get honest this is so wrong.	6/9/2026 9:56 PM
72	For an alternative suggestion; St Georges stay at the current site, is the heart of the village and is the essence of the village. It's a very popular school for it's uniqueness within a community parish . The current St Mark's site combines with Swanage Primary- having the lower infant school at the Mount Scar Site and Junior Site at St Marks- with an progression route, ready for secondary transition to either the The Swanage School, The Purbeck	6/9/2026 8:35 PM

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School or Grammar. The change from the three tier system has meant that year 5-6 children may want to go to a larger, more expansive environment as the schools aren't necessarily fit for purpose. This then may also attract more pupils from other schools who want to have a change to a larger, purpose built environment with sports facilities and partnership with the Swanage School. For the question 4- below, this requires a collaborative approach from the local council, Dorset Council, business owners, our MP, landowners and a conversation surrounding levelling up within this area, with strategic planning. There are many social factors and global factors that are having a direct impact of many businesses, charities and educational establishments. It's a questions of enduring and adapting to the temporary economic and social climate, but with very considered choices.

73	As stated in my previous answers	6/9/2026 9:04 PM
74	St George's is not a tiny school so it has a larger buffer than many rural schools. There is likely to be housing growth in Swanage and pupils are drawn from here and surrounding areas. So in 5-10 years the picture may well be different	6/9/2026 3:42 PM
75	Co-operation between schools so that the resource is not lost for future residents from the new housing developments	6/9/2026 12:01 PM
76	Close St Mark's site and sell the land. This will disperse pupils to all schools in Swanage and Langton in order to create full schools across Purbeck, irrespective of schools' CLP status.	6/9/2026 11:15 AM
77	Improve facilities and infrastructure that encourages more young families to the area. Affordable housing more industry eg better supermarkets and leisure facilities that attracts employment to give younger families a chance .	6/9/2026 8:01 AM
78	Implement a partial state funded and partial parent funded model for covering costs.	6/9/2026 7:35 AM
79	I would like to see the impact on costs for the following two-site approaches before the last resort of closing a school site. Federations or Shared Leadership Both schools remain open but share a headteacher, senior leadership team, administrative staff, or specialist teachers. Advantages: * Reduces overhead costs. * Keeps local school sites open. * Can improve access to specialist expertise. Multi-Academy Trust or Group Arrangements Spread costs across multiple sites. Advantages: * Shared services (HR, finance, procurement). * Greater financial resilience. * Retains local presence. Mixed-Age or Flexible Class Structures Combine year groups into a single classroom when numbers fall. Advantages: * Maintains viability with fewer pupils. * Can preserve a wide curriculum Expand the School's Role Help St George's to become a broader community hub: * Nursery provision. * Adult education. * Community services. * Childcare and after-school programmes. This could increase usage of facilities and strengthen community support. Shared Facilities and Services The schools could share: * Sports facilities. * Special educational needs services. * IT support. * Catering and transport. This could significantly reduce costs without affecting pupils' access to a local school.	6/8/2026 10:34 PM
80	I suggest that children in Purbeck should be taught in a safe and small environment They should not be punished for their local council environment of an ageing population that affords a greater opportunity for social care as they influx our area of purbeck	6/8/2026 8:24 PM
81	Why don't we work on making the 2 schools so amazing that they will be highly sought after and people b will want to be in catchment for them? But also, as someone who doesn't work in education, or have access to the facts, budget sheets etc, how can I possibly answer that ?	6/8/2026 8:16 PM
82	Future housing developments will increase children numbers	6/8/2026 8:25 PM
83	Smaller class numbers improves quality of education.	6/8/2026 7:14 PM
84	The falling number of pupils in the local area is easily explained by the lack of housing for young families. One only has to look online at available properties to buy or rent. There simply aren't any left. They have all been bought up as second homes and air bnb's. The simple fix would be to stop the sale of these family sized properties. As this isn't within the local communities power- perhaps we should open st. George's up to children from Wareham and further afield for those who work in Swanage or perhaps wish their children to school in the area.	6/8/2026 6:30 PM
85	Continue with the existing schools. New pupils are likely to join in the future, and one of the attractions of the existing school is the sense of community that it contributes. Closing the school will make the village less attractive for new residents as it is part of our local heritage.	6/8/2026 5:39 PM
86	More local residents with children rather than a retirement community	6/8/2026 4:44 PM

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87	I don't see smaller class sizes as a problem, but rather an advantage.	6/8/2026 4:17 PM
88	The question is misplaced. Falling roles are an issue in the whole of England. But roles rise and fall and short termism is an approach that could lead to loss of a quality resource that is regretted bitterly over time.	6/8/2026 2:48 PM
89	Would help if the schools were looking to take more children on and doing open days to take on more people. They are never going to get anyone to join the school if there not going to promote the school	6/8/2026 2:45 PM
90	St George's school continues as a village school, it is 76% full this year compared to St Marks being only 57% full. St Marks has double the intake of 30 so this could be reduced to 15 to allow for predictable staffing at St Marks going forward. Consider some shared subjects, after school clubs, increased collaboration of staff and services. Staffing costs are high at both schools. In particular supply staff. Expenditure could be reduced if the reliance on supply staff can be reduced. Admin/Clerical staff pay is high (13.25% of expenditure for St Georges)- this would of course be reduced if the schools were joined and shared this budget, however given that the schools are run by the same head I would assume that there was a way that the admin staffing costs could be shared - on a small scale this is already happening with reception staff but also could occur from within central services. Given that St Marks is a swanage school, consideration could also be given to sharing some services between 2 swanage based schools, this would have less of an impact on a community level and protect the children from the major disruption of merging. Pupil numbers for St Georges may increase once the new developments within Langton are fully occupied. This is also an important consideration for the coming years and should be taken into account with predicting pupil numbers.	6/8/2026 1:36 PM
91	Local authorities need to encourage more ACTUALLY affordable local housing for local families ONLY. Which would help keep young families living in the area. This group is currently being priced out of the area and are then having to send children to other schools in areas where they've found more affordable housing. Purbeck also needs: bigger, better and more funding for schools. The children in Purbeck area schools are the future of Purbeck and the LA is not investing enough in their futures (the ones who's families are fortunate enough to not be in a situation where they are priced out of the local housing market). More funding for St George's is desperately needed to save this very special school. [REDACTED]. The current staff is amazing, and the whole school is so friendly and supportive. It needs saving and it needs more funding to keep their doors open for more children to blossom.	6/8/2026 1:25 PM
92	There are already 3 primary schools in Swanage, merge them instead if St Marks has falling numbers. We shouldn't lose a school in Langton Matravers.	6/8/2026 12:46 PM
93	Could reverting back to three tier help, using St George's for young one say up to year 3 and St marks as older years with more space for them.	6/8/2026 11:44 AM
94	Smaller classes and mixed years can work well. Rural schools also have very supportive parents who help support school activities ,reading , and many other things	6/8/2026 11:02 AM
95	More even distribution of pupils from all schools.	6/8/2026 10:39 AM
96	The only way to ensure the school's continuation is to have more primary age children living in the village and immediate catchment area. Therefore incentives are needed to provide really affordable rental housing. Ban second homes . These two measures alone would enable young families to live in the village.	6/8/2026 10:05 AM
97	Better funding. Keep village schools alive, not just concentrate in the towns - the issue is much wider than just the funding of education - sustaining rural communities, quality of life, environment, place, history, sustainability	6/8/2026 9:50 AM
98	This is a national if not global issue which is not dealt with at grass root level. People would feel more inclined to increase their family size if the cost of living wasn't so high and both parents weren't having to work so hard just to sustain. Significant changes in government and centralised bodies need to be made to reduce the cost of public services without damaging the end school and medical services	6/8/2026 8:04 AM
99	Better pupil to student ratio is good and will attract more young families	6/8/2026 7:56 AM
100	Stop being so greedy and put your hand in your pocket.	6/8/2026 5:58 AM
101	Make St George's in Langton Matravers a school that attracts children from a wider area, if necessary, as happened in the past. People were willing to travel to attend this special school at the heart of its rural community. New families will move to the village if the school	6/7/2026 11:41 PM

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has a good reputation... Conversely, uncertainty about the future of the school will stop parents from considering it.

102	The low numbers at St Marks confirm that though the school is in a town of a population of 10,000 for whatever reason it has not attracted many children out of catchment. The original St Marks primary school was small. The Diocese/DC made the decision to move the school to a very large premises during the last reorganisation from 3-2 tier. This has contributed to creating empty spaces at this school.	6/7/2026 11:32 PM
103	Keeping the schools separate, building more social housing. And stop letting Aster sell existing social housing	6/7/2026 11:18 PM
104	Don't spend a ridiculous amount of money on building work in Langton in the first place ! We were told that the pillars were an extortionate cost alone and now what ?! You're likely to destroy them ! Total Madness Why not make st marks a sixth form for The Swanage School?	6/7/2026 10:11 PM
105	St George's school did not have an open/ recruitment day this year. The previous year had a very successful one. There are more houses in Langton due to be built which will have young families and also in Harmans Cross. St Marks could be merged into other schools in the academy	6/7/2026 7:47 PM
106	Close St Mark's instead as they have smaller intakes and are lower achieving. Why should St. Georges sacrifice a thriving school that produces well rounded, confident students in order to save a school which is lower achieving. The St Mark's site could be used as a 6th form to the new Seanage Secondary school.	6/7/2026 7:18 PM
107	Merge the schools as proposed but use the Langton site - this is essential to maintain a school in Langton for the residents in future	6/7/2026 7:17 PM
108	Small community primary schools are essential for the Purbeck region. There needs to be a full and open consultation with parents and prospective parents.	6/7/2026 6:20 PM
109	Funding/developing alternative education provisions for SEND students, children with ASC, ADHD, high levels of anxiety, those for whom mainstream education does not meet their mental and emotional needs. Education provisions with a more therapeutic holistic approach to learning.	6/7/2026 7:12 PM
110	Close St. Marks rather than St. George's. There are two other primary schools within Swanage that could absorb the St. Marks pupily	6/7/2026 6:03 PM
111	Keep the school open ?	6/7/2026 4:49 PM
112	Retain young families and hence children in the area by creating and supporting business and jobs. Incentivise small businesses, not try and destroy them by high taxes	6/7/2026 4:42 PM
113	Again poor questioning. How can anyone suggest ways to increase this? Perhaps if you as a company looked into the local infrastructure and the proposed planning you would see that there are houses currently being built in Langton Matravers which planning was granted on the proviso that it support the village, including its school and also the 8 year battle that has been happening with Langton Matravers Community Land Trust to secure land, which has now happened, at the top of the village to develop 10 affordable homes for local people which will remain as rented housing with no right to buy to ensure these houses are available for future generations, and also not forgetting the new development at Spyway Orchard which had provided affordable housing for local people. There are also other proposals for further developments in Swanage which would provide hundreds of new homes. Has none of this been looked into when the decision was made to suggest the schools merge, as it seems very short sighted with the future proposals for more local housing?	6/7/2026 2:40 PM
114	Smaller numbers make for more individual teaching which helps any child that is struggling to keep up.	6/7/2026 2:28 PM
115	Stop selling houses building more houses for family in the swanage langton matravers area. So they can stay and not have to moved for housing.	6/7/2026 2:30 PM
116	Smaller classes make for more individual teaching which helps any child who is struggling to catch up .	6/7/2026 2:23 PM
117	There is indication that family homes are to be built in Langton. This will have the potential for more young children to need their local school. Do not close down a school that creates a community and local education for village children	6/7/2026 1:32 PM
118	Make housing available and affordable for families to live here and not just to profit off rich	6/7/2026 1:20 PM

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119	Make housing affordable for young families. Less Airbnb and more locals.	6/7/2026 1:07 PM
120	More affordable housing in the area for families with young children and Aster Housing not selling off their housing stock	6/7/2026 7:32 AM
121	If it's really a problem it's only fair to close St Marks as there are other schools in Swanage but no other schools in Langton. Furthermore, st Mark's is the one with the lowest capacity therefore only fair for them to close.	6/7/2026 7:35 AM
122	continue both schools with more mixed age classes.	6/6/2026 9:24 PM
123	Make more actual affordable housing so local young people that grew up here can afford to bring up their children here and send them to local schools. [REDACTED]	6/6/2026 8:45 PM
124	SWanage Primary and St Mark's to merge at St Marks. Many from sale of field and school goes into the education and St Georges left ad is - a thriving village school	6/6/2026 7:44 PM
125	Support for families as a place worthy of moving to, there isn't many kid friendly facilities during winter time in Swanage. More affordable housing for your families	6/6/2026 7:41 PM
126	You can never be sure the number of pupils at the village school will continue to fall and, as I have said, smaller classes can lead to better education.	6/6/2026 7:16 PM
127	The Swanage School has no sixth form. The students then end up going to The Purbeck School after GCSE's. When Dorset County (as it was then) Council moved to a 2 tier system in Purbeck an inordinate amount of money was spent converting schools. This money should have been used on the education for children. St Marks is not the original school. This is now in place of what was the Swanage Middle School which was closed and left to ruin like the Original Bere Regis primary school. It was then turned into the new St Marks school. Turn this into a sixth form for the Swanage School Pupils and keep St George's open.	6/6/2026 7:08 PM
128	The Swanage school had no sixth form. The students then go to Purbeck school which they may as well have done from yr 9. Turn St.Marks into a 6th form and/or sports centre and send the children to the traditional however many years old St.Georges. It would be sacrilege to close it. Langton has lost all the shops, bakers and a pub yet the school is still the heart of the community. St. Marks is not original yet a conversion of the previous Swanage Middle School.	6/6/2026 6:55 PM
129	Get rid of the MATs Reduce the class size cap on all schools to encourage a more even spread. Decrease costs for locals to buy. Increase costs for second home owners and encourage to sell to locals	6/6/2026 6:36 PM
130	Mixed age classes promoted and supported throughout the pyramid to reduce parents from swapping schools. Lower Cap on places at all schools so numbers are spread more evenly. Reduction in stamp duty for local residents tj encourage those with you g families back in to the area. Greater increase in charges for those with second homes	6/6/2026 6:29 PM
131	Retaining the village school alternative of St George's remains a key attraction to the local purbeck villages. I would not consider sending my child to St Marks and makes the area decidedly less attractive	6/6/2026 6:11 PM
132	With increased housing projects - it is reasonable to assume that there will be more children moving into the area. Furthermore, Swanage has got other primary schools - whereas Langton Matravers has only got one school.	6/6/2026 5:22 PM
133	Allow affordable housing for local people to encourage families to stay in the area	6/6/2026 5:10 PM
134	Market the schools to improve the number of children that attend and keep them separate	6/6/2026 5:12 PM
135	Close St . Mark's let Swanage school run a sixth form from premises! Leave St. George's alone.	6/6/2026 4:59 PM
136	Focus on prevent community degradation. Tackle the social housing issue. Block second homes and holiday lets. We have already lost are post office. Worth & Langton risk becoming nuseum resorts.	6/6/2026 4:49 PM
137	St Marks to move to St George's because we have the church, and lower speed limit	6/6/2026 4:25 PM
138	See my answer to the previous question - but year round employment and good affordable housing are essential to encouraging families to root themselves here.	6/6/2026 4:27 PM
139	Housing	6/6/2026 4:37 PM

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140	Merge two of the three Swanage Primary Schools if you feel you MUST lose a valuable local school - don't take the village school away!!	6/6/2026 4:38 PM
141	New homes in both Swanage and other locations in Purbeck should see numbers increase and not decrease. St Mark's Sats results are not at all impressive and fall well below the national average whereas St George's results are above average.	6/6/2026 4:20 PM
142	If there was wrap around care offered at the preschool then working parents would consider the preschool & school. It would make the school a lot more desirable, this is why the ones in Swanage town are so busy and popular.	6/6/2026 4:12 PM
143	By keeping St George's and closing St Marks school and segregate the children from St Marks into St Mary's and Swanage primary.	6/6/2026 4:05 PM
144	How can you predict birth rates in an area where there is increased housing planned?	6/6/2026 3:43 PM
145	I don't agree that pupil numbers will continue to fall. [REDACTED] [REDACTED] St George's has historically had smaller class sizes which is characteristic of village schools and makes it more attractive to send your child to. 'Full' classes do not equal quality education! [REDACTED] I have seen the difference that smaller classes makes to the quality of education.	6/6/2026 3:52 PM
146	Discuss with people who have been through this before - ie the people who fought the closure of the secondary school and built the new Swanage School	6/6/2026 3:30 PM
147	Alternatives for maximising income through better use of the St Marks site should be considered - could the trust look at provision of a specialist SEN base for primary students at St Marks, to encourage local provision for students with additional needs? Or look at options for providing alternative provision service onsite, in conjunction with The Swanage School, as nearest options are located far from Swanage currently. Or look at whether another Trust could support the changing requirements of both St George's and St Marks, as from this proposed plan it looks very much like CLP have taken on St George's in 2024 with the aim of closing this popular village school to prop up a less successful school already under their management.	6/6/2026 2:10 PM
148	Coastal Learning Partnership took over St Georges school only 2+ years ago. Has the pupil numbers fallen so significantly within this time? Is the information about falling birth rates something new? At that time you told us (from the slides you shared in the consultation document in 2023): What will be the same? • Local church school with its individual style • Expressions of the school's character will not change: for example school uniform, website, logo, values • Local Governance • Familiar staff • Prominent and community-facing senior leadership I don't have all the figures and costs of what St Georges and St Marks individual income and expenses are made up of, so its very difficult for me to comment on the financial situation in any depth. You told us that you would make cost savings by sharing staff between the two schools. You told us that joining CLP would make us more resilient during these times of fluctuating child numbers. Small village schools will always have fluctuations and this has been proved in the past to be manageable. You were the ones telling us this. If you did not think that the school could survive then WHY DID YOU TAKE IT OVER? It is heartbreaking to think that you might have done this with the intention to merge the two from the start. You made a promise to work to keep our school alive...again I quote: What will be the same? • Local church school with its individual style If you would be able to share all the figures for how these costs have changed so much in the past two years that this promise is no longer possible to keep, then I might be able to comment on your question of how to keep the school going. But since you did not consult us earlier to come up with ideas to keep the school going together, it is limited what us parents can actually do in this short consultation period. It's also heartbreaking that it is being talked about as a done deal. I'm devastated that you would do all this planning without the input of the parents and community. The village council and the area as a whole have positive and affordable growth in mind, for the very reason that we want to keep the school at the heart of our community, keep families moving in, plan for the longterm success of the village. Take it away and we become another village of second homes and holiday makers.	6/6/2026 11:57 AM
149	I have heard that some new housing is going to be built soon. This could make a difference to pupil numbers.	6/6/2026 12:32 PM
150	In Langton alone, there are many new homes being built, the NT has allocated a large section of land for homes to be built for local families, this will bring so many more families into the village and school number will increase from those alone. Elsewhere in the village new homes are being built and part of the planning permission given was the fact that there is a local school. In Swanage, planning permission has been given for well over 100 dwellings, some of these have to be affordable homes, therefore it is essential that places	6/6/2026 9:43 AM

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should be available at the schools that exist. How can these dwellings be built without the infrastructure to be in place to support them.

151	Build more affordable housing for people, council housing, social housing. Young people are priced out. You have to get young families in, there's no other solution really. The second homes issue, inflating prices, often empty and no real community contribution either	6/5/2026 9:29 PM
152	Small class would be a great for children.	6/5/2026 8:51 PM
153	Move the swanage students into langton school, this keeps a service open in the village and for surrounding villages, distribute pupils equally when parents are applying for a school initially	6/5/2026 8:09 PM
154	Maintain St George's School in Langton Matravers and market the school premises to generate income for the school to community groups outside of school hours.	6/5/2026 7:50 PM
155	To shut St Marks and they merge with St George's. Swanage already has two primary school which parents can go too. Isn't it best to keep villages alive, feed with youth rather than second homes or old people.	6/5/2026 7:24 PM
156	It may not seem like much, but having a larger social media presence in this day can effect a situation like this a great deal. Many young parents will not only be on facebook, but on instagram and other platforms too. Social media is a great way to get yourselves out there and show what the school is really about. I know this can be difficult GBPR wise but think it may help a bit.	6/5/2026 7:03 PM
157	St Georges should be kept as a small village school...perhaps non denominational. Some Parents would prefer a small school rather than the large Swanage schools	6/5/2026 6:34 PM
158	Merge the existing town primary school with the other existing town primary schools and keep the heart of the village as it is. Numbers will rise again with the new housing.	6/5/2026 6:21 PM
159	Proposals to Work with the community to set St George's up as the independent school it should have always been.	6/5/2026 6:03 PM
160	Close st marks. there are two other schools in Swanage so students could go to st George's or those two other schools in Swanage. also, at marks is the school which is doing less well academically. st George's is doing well. it's wrong to close a school which is doing better.	6/5/2026 2:16 PM
161	How on earth can anyone know birth rates and choices of where people will live and send their children to school. Seems st Marks taking on a huge site was the real issue here.	6/5/2026 12:08 PM
162	1. Close one of the 3 schools in Swanage as losing one of those will not negatively impact the outlying villages. 2. Ensure that the large numbers of affordable housing planned for Langton and Harman's Cross prioritise families with school age children.	6/5/2026 7:18 AM
163	Provide affordable housing within Swanage and Langton instead of selling more and more properties as second homes.	6/4/2026 7:13 PM
164	People from the village take their children to other schools such as Corfe And Saint Mary's because they are perceived as a Better schools. The recent turbulent History at St George's has left families with little faith in it being a good and well run school. The recent more stable running of the School should be given more time to encourage Parents from the surrounding areas to choose St George's over the other schools in the area. Increased building of new houses should also encourage more young people into the village.	6/4/2026 5:05 PM
165	Adapt, promote, step up as a partnership that should have the best interests of a great school, you don't burn something that's good so stop doing it...	6/4/2026 3:49 PM
166	More TAs and volunteers in the classrooms. Much more use of older residents as volunteers. There is a wealth of volunteer expertise ready to be encouraged into the classroom. Just look at U3A!	6/4/2026 12:39 PM
167	Absorb St Marks kids into other swanage schools to make them fully subscribed . If Langton isn't fully then it seems less important to the overall Academy .	6/4/2026 12:42 PM
168	1	6/4/2026 6:16 AM
169	The opportunity to build this high-quality primary education was lost when the old County Modern School was closed, the building knocked down and needless expense in changing the system in this area. It now seems obvious that the pupils from St Marks should be moved to the other two Swanage schools, St George's and Corfe Castle. This would push the numbers up nearer to capacity and leave Langton Matravers with the lovely, happy school we have.	6/4/2026 12:52 AM

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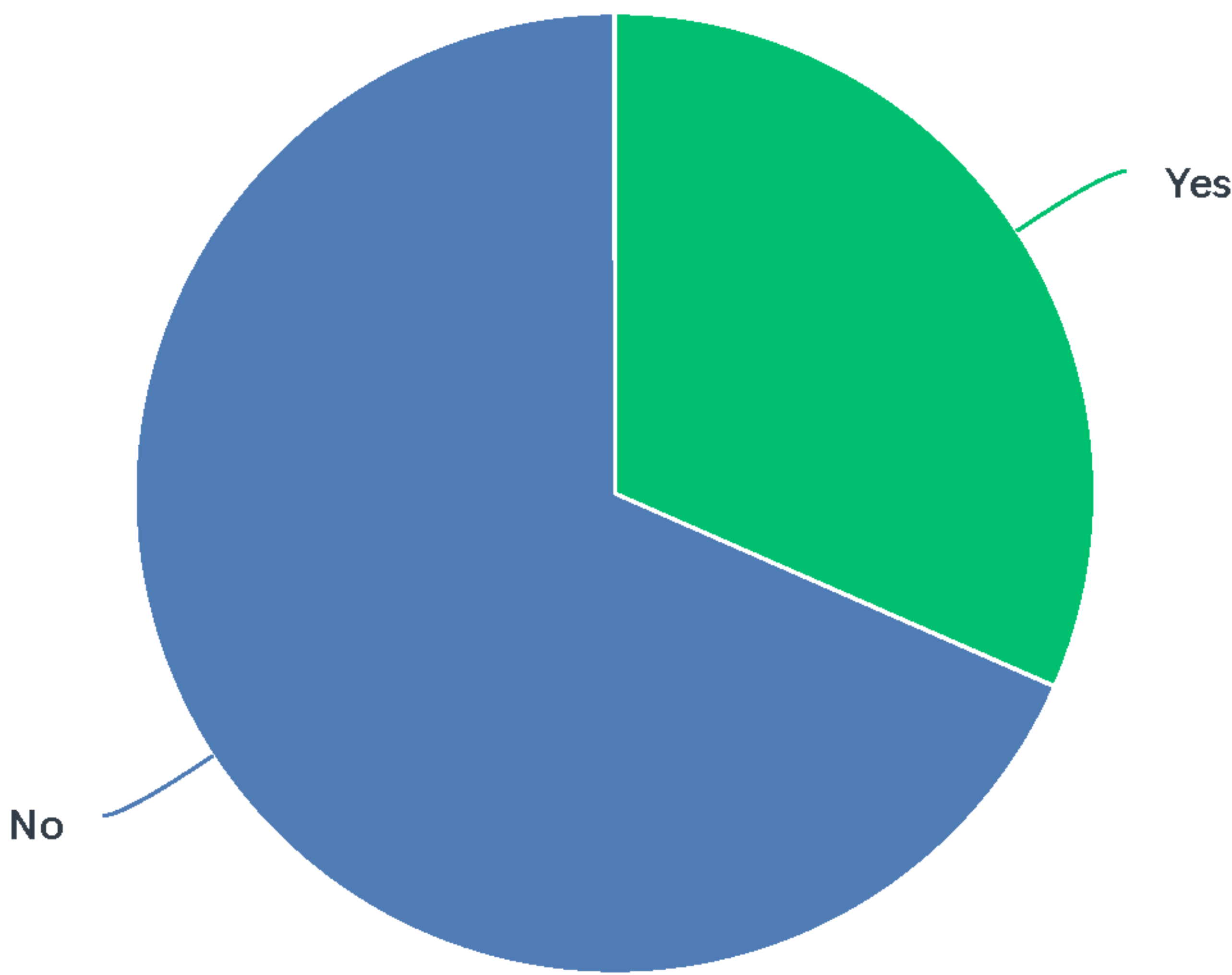
170	Please see question 4.	6/3/2026 9:50 PM
171	As per last answer	6/3/2026 9:47 PM
172	Adapt tailor your learning structure to suit nearly all companies have to do this to suite current market needs!	6/3/2026 8:04 PM
173	If any school should be closed, St George's is not the answer due to how well it's actually doing and its location, St Marks should focus on being a SEN school as we are desperate for that in the Purbeck area and this would be ideal, with location and facilities	6/3/2026 8:13 PM
174	Could we instead consider a more combined approach rather than focusing on just these two schools in the area as it is a nationwide problem. When you include all the schools in swanage and surrounding villages, can we consider the possibility of returning St georges, corfe and swanage primary to a first school and then St marks becoming 'Coastal Juniors'. The reputation of St marks in the area has historically not been great, and can be difficult for families now to overlook to see any improvements. Renaming and repurposing as a junior school for all may be an attractive alternative to consider.	6/3/2026 7:45 PM
175	St Marks school is the primary issue here. Swanage as a town would see no detriment to that school being closed completely and students assigned to other local schools dependent on spaces. A full investigation/parental consultation should also be carried out to fully understand while parents are choosing to take their children to schools out of their catchment area. It is a known fact around Swanage that many parents take their children to St George's, Corfe, Stoborough and even Sandford Primary as opposed to sending them to St Marks	6/3/2026 6:57 PM
176	Increase local social housing, reduce the holiday rental market so that property is retained for local community and invite younger families into the area to fill school places.	6/3/2026 6:16 PM
177	Ghjjkkll	6/3/2026 6:03 PM
178	Provide more affordable homes for families, bring back the people that want to be here and let their children go to St George's. Not the homes like Old Malthouse that are not for the working people, the people that work and put into this community.	6/3/2026 4:20 PM
179	Stop the academisation of education and proper funding into schools. Place the school back into the hands of Dorset Council.	6/3/2026 12:25 PM
180	I believe St. George's should remain open and that alternative approaches should be explored to strengthen pupil numbers and make the school more attractive to families. One positive option would be to develop St. George's as a specialist Forest School, offering outdoor learning, nature-based activities, gardening, environmental education, and wellbeing-focused experiences alongside the national curriculum. This would provide parents with a genuine alternative choice within the local area and could attract families looking for a smaller, nurturing, and more holistic educational environment for their children. The school could also introduce additional enrichment opportunities such as outdoor clubs, animal care projects, flexible wraparound care, and stronger community partnerships to help increase enrolment and secure its long-term future. Rather than closing or merging the school, I believe innovative ideas like these should be fully explored first to preserve an important part of the local community and maintain parental choice.	6/3/2026 7:39 AM
181	Realistically the children from St George's wont go St Mark's if St George's closed. The parents will move them to Swanage Primary, St Mary's or Corfe Castle - even Stoborough if necessary. So St Mark's will continue to wither. However St George's could be reinvigorated if it was maintained and St Mark's closed. Rightly or wrongly St Mark's has never recovered from years when it was seen as a failing school. It needs a name change or 'rebrand'. Maybe merging it with St George's will do that job. With falling pupil numbers across Swanage, two primaries will suffice. Ironically in Langton Matravers planning permission has just been granted for more housing classed as 'affordable' and the Community Land Trust also has plans to build more homes in the village. No major planning permission is expected to be granted in Swanage anytime soon.	6/3/2026 1:47 AM
182	Combine two Swanage schools that are under the Coastal Partnership. Advertise St George's, particularly the pre-school to give us a higher intake in future years.	6/2/2026 8:12 PM
183	More affordable homes in the village not second homes like the old Malthouse that is pushing all the young families away. [REDACTED] [REDACTED]. If more affordable homes are being built such as the proposals at the top of Langton and Harmans Cross the school would be needed. What happens 5 years down the line when the 3 remaining Swanage schools have no space? Corfe has no space? Then what?	6/2/2026 7:18 PM

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184	More funding for teaching resources	6/2/2026 3:41 PM
185	Parents are consulting	6/2/2026 2:21 PM
186	Need more transparent data to generate ideas.	6/2/2026 2:16 PM
187	Encourage young families to settle in Purbeck instead of making it a second home and retirement ghetto.	6/2/2026 1:54 PM
188	There is no suggestion that anyone can make to tackle declining birth rates and residential numbers. We live in an area that is high in second homes, holiday lets and an aging population. The local area, including the council, is doing what it can to preserve the residential lives of the area, for example with the introduction of high council tax brackets for second homes, to deter this and by taking away one of the few village schools left in the area this only contradicts the integrity of community. We should be doing everything we can to support the local community, be it keeping schools open and using local businesses, another thing that CLP seems to omit which also contributes to declining local numbers.	6/2/2026 1:35 PM
189	Need to have more engagement and with families of the pupils , it should be about the pupils	6/2/2026 1:31 PM
190	Bring into existence empty homes, stop empty second home ownership. So young families can afford to live here. Stop allowing expensive developments with no affordable housing.	6/2/2026 12:38 PM

Q6 440 responses

Do you have any questions that you would like to ask about the proposal?



Answer Choices	Percentage	Responses
Yes	31.59%	139
No	68.41%	301
Total		440

Q7 Questions that you would like to ask about the proposal:

Answered: 127 Skipped: 365

ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Question 1	99.21%	126
Question 2	67.72%	86
Question 3	57.48%	73
Question 4	41.73%	53
Question 5	24.41%	31

#	QUESTION 1	DATE
1	If the St Georges and St Marks merge will the name of the new school reflect the history of both?	6/17/2026 3:41 PM
2	Did the CLP have this in mind from the outset. Two years ago	6/17/2026 12:05 AM
3	Can Coastal Learning Partnership confirm that St George's will operate normally for the full 2026/27 academic year and that pupils entering Year 6 in September 2026 will be able to complete their final primary school year at St George's?	6/16/2026 7:28 PM
4	When Voastal acquired responsibility for St George's it agreed to ensure the school's continued existence. Coastal needs to uphold this commitment.	6/16/2026 12:52 PM
5	All as per my submission regarding all of Dorset working for thriving communities ignored by you	6/16/2026 12:33 PM
6	Is this consultation merely window dressing?	6/16/2026 10:23 AM
7	what is the proposed use for the Langton School site?	6/16/2026 10:03 AM
8	Top slicing for management fees what % ate you taking from each school budget and in the past 2 years give figures for any rise	6/15/2026 5:32 PM
9	If St George's closes what will happen to the building	6/15/2026 11:54 AM
10	Why is there a £3 m shortfall and in who's finances?	6/15/2026 10:18 AM
11	where did the projected figures for the next 9 years for pupil numbers come from?	6/15/2026 10:04 AM
12	will you withdraw this ill considered proposal	6/15/2026 9:37 AM
13	Yes. I believe alternatives should be fully explored before merging the schools onto one site. This could include closer collaboration between the schools, shared leadership, shared staffing, flexible use of buildings, improved promotion of both schools to local families, and looking at ways to attract more pupils before making a permanent decision. Any solution should protect children's education while also considering families, staff, access, and the importance of each school to its local community.	6/14/2026 11:26 PM
14	Why is it not a matter of conscience not to disrupt that which is known to be a well tun and well regarded and functioning school should be a matter of conscience t	6/14/2026 5:55 PM
15	how will the merger affect explorers forest school at the st marks site?	6/12/2026 8:21 PM
16	What will happen with regards to road safety? [REDACTED] there are already too many cars trying to park dangerously to get children to school. Increasing pupil intake means more cars and danger.	6/12/2026 4:54 PM
17	Are there proposals to develop the site for further housing ?	6/12/2026 2:19 PM
18	Are there proposals To develop the site for housing is this a profit making proposal?	6/12/2026 2:09 PM
19	Why do you think it is best to close the highest performing school in the local area, and possibly in your partnership	6/12/2026 1:50 PM
20	What numbers are you basing projections on locally.	6/12/2026 9:59 AM

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21	Can you please disclose the salaries of the executive trust leaders?	6/11/2026 10:51 PM
22	Can CLP provide a Return on Investment Audit for St George's since taking over?	6/11/2026 6:20 PM
23	Is it possible to take back control of the school?	6/11/2026 2:32 PM
24	Why can't you have 2 small schools?	6/11/2026 2:25 PM
25	Is this purely a money-saving exercise?	6/11/2026 1:23 PM
26	What proportion of existing pupils and their parents favour a merger? If there is a clear majority, that would be a convincing reason to explore a merger	6/11/2026 12:15 PM
27	Why close St George's which is 76% full	6/11/2026 11:17 AM
28	Exactly why is the closure being proposed?	6/11/2026 10:03 AM
29	How long has this proposal been under discussion?	6/11/2026 9:41 AM
30	Why are falling numbers inevitable	6/11/2026 3:21 AM
31	What are the ecological implications if a local school is closed?	6/10/2026 10:32 PM
32	What consideration has been given to the impact of second homes, holiday lets and the shortage of affordable housing on pupil numbers in Purbeck?	6/10/2026 10:09 PM
33	What effect will it have on small children being bussed relatively long distances to school?	6/10/2026 8:53 PM
34	What do they propose to use the site for ?	6/10/2026 8:36 PM
35	How long have coastal partnership known about the numbers?	6/10/2026 7:03 PM
36	Ate there any covenants which prevent the land and buildings being used for higher value alternative us and development usually residential use and who are the beneficiaries	6/10/2026 6:06 PM
37	The consultation document is very biased towards closing St George's. Surely this undermines the consultation and makes it void?	6/10/2026 2:30 PM
38	If the proposal goes ahead will all the money that Langton School is assigned by the partnership be given to the new joint St Marks and St George's School?	6/10/2026 2:17 PM
39	Has the road safety issue been addressed. It is a terrible road to cross for parents with young children children in prams and buggies, with a badly designed junction that the hourly double decker bus already has trouble in negotiating.	6/10/2026 11:21 AM
40	Will all the staff at Langton be offered roles at St Marks?	6/10/2026 9:53 AM
41	Does anyone from coastal learning partnership visit the schools regulatly	6/10/2026 5:44 AM
42	What representation from Langton Matravers, the Isle of Purbeck and the local community sit on Trust Board?	6/9/2026 8:53 PM
43	I dont understand why you have not inlcuded the st marks total pupil numbers as per Pupil premium documents (120 Students) in your pupil numbers in consulatation comms. You have excluded the temp students that currently go to st marks now and in future	6/9/2026 9:11 PM
44	Please could you advise if the explorers forest school will also closed at the St Marks site?	6/9/2026 8:29 PM
45	How has the social, community and wellbeing value of retaining a primary school within Langton Matravers been assessed and weighed alongside the financial and operational considerations set out in the consultation?	6/9/2026 5:27 PM
46	What are the probable arrangements for staffing?	6/9/2026 1:49 PM
47	Have all other options been explored including persuading Dorset Council to grant the rural premium for St George's?	6/9/2026 12:03 PM
48	If the proposal goes ahead, can you guarantee a minibus from Langton, Harman's Cross and surrounding rural locations in order to access St Mark's?	6/9/2026 11:24 AM
49	If we could keep a school in Langton village, is there any solution to the parking issue?	6/9/2026 10:06 AM
50		6/9/2026 8:33 AM
51	This has been in planning for a while, why wait until this late stage when parents have committed to a reception and year one class to announce now?	6/9/2026 7:46 AM

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52	If this goes ahead what happens to the school site? Will it be used for housing?	6/8/2026 8:43 PM
53	Why do you think sending pupils to st marks is in their best interest from a mental health perspective	6/8/2026 8:28 PM
54	How will you provide for children in outlying village?	6/8/2026 8:25 PM
55	If the merge was to happen, how would the parking in around the school work? Are you planning to make the service road a one system? Or are you going to do staggered start/end times for the school?	6/8/2026 7:50 PM
56	There are given reasons for merging the schools from an educational and sustainability perspective, but what consideration has been given to the responsibility of an education provider to the maintenance of village life?	6/8/2026 6:34 PM
57	Why close St George's and not St Mark's	6/8/2026 4:44 PM
58	Why is St George's being singled out when its role is 76% full as opposed to a 57% role fill at St Marks?	6/8/2026 2:57 PM
59	This will come in due course	6/8/2026 2:45 PM
60	Apart from reduced mixed year teaching, what other benefits will there be for the pupils education.	6/8/2026 1:49 PM
61	Are there more sources that CLP can obtain additional funding from?	6/8/2026 1:36 PM
62	Why do you think this would provide a better education than the one the children at St George's currently receive.	6/8/2026 12:49 PM
63	Why when Langton has a 74% pupil level is it being closed when st marks has only just over 50% ? Langton is obviously the more popular school	6/8/2026 11:06 AM
64	How much real consultation has taken place? With whom?	6/8/2026 10:06 AM
65	What other options have been explored?	6/8/2026 8:07 AM
66	Why do you think numbers of enrolments are falling?	6/8/2026 7:58 AM
67	Why is it that our freedom of choice has been taken away ?	6/7/2026 10:12 PM
68	How long has this merger been discussed - we were encouraged to join the Coastal Partnership to prevent this from happening	6/7/2026 7:53 PM
69	Is the proposed closure of St George's purely down to education or is it down to the diocese seeing the school site as a means to make money?	6/7/2026 6:22 PM
70	What prompted the decision to close St George's in favour of closing st. Marks	6/7/2026 6:04 PM
71	Does the Council see a future large financial gain by closing the school and selling the land to a developer?	6/7/2026 4:45 PM
72	Will there be any redundancies made as a result of the merger, perhaps not in regards to teaching staff as those have been left to run down, but in respect of the doubling of admin staff?	6/7/2026 3:00 PM
73	What a waste of a lovely modernised school	6/7/2026 2:32 PM
74	What will happen to the school building at Langton Matravers	6/7/2026 7:36 AM
75	Why are less and less children going to stop George's?	6/6/2026 9:52 PM
76	How will the merger of the schools effect the number of additional staff and support needed for more SEN students per class?	6/6/2026 8:50 PM
77	Why was there so much fight to brutally change the playing field 2 yrs ago and the construction of an outdoor classroom which will be of no use to the children of St.Geroges if it closes.	6/6/2026 7:00 PM
78	Why do you not agree with smaller classes	6/6/2026 5:11 PM
79	Why shut St George's School ?	6/6/2026 4:36 PM
80	Who is reposing this?	6/6/2026 4:31 PM
81	How in depth has this process been considered	6/6/2026 4:25 PM
82	Have you thought about other viable options	6/6/2026 4:10 PM

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83	The community is very important at St George's, how are you going to include this in your planned merger? The children currently have their end of term services at the St George's church. It is within easy walking distance for all ages of the school. This is not possible at St Marks Church	6/6/2026 3:59 PM
84	I marked yes in order to state that once all concerned parties have been fully appraised ie at the information evenings, that ideas and possible solutions could be brainstormed.	6/6/2026 4:04 PM
85	Have current birth rates been taken into account?	6/6/2026 3:56 PM
86	Who owns each school?	6/6/2026 3:31 PM
87	What other options has the Trust considered alongside the proposal for merger of the two schools?	6/6/2026 2:13 PM
88	I have had a look at your accounts for 2025 and can see that St Georges seem to get less GAG than St Marks, and have higher expenses, but this is only based on my assumptions/calculations based on the data available. Please provide more information, at an individual school level, on the income, expenses, where the deficit is coming from and how this has been calcalated.	6/6/2026 12:23 PM
89	Take St. George's out of the academy and back to DC control	6/6/2026 9:44 AM
90	How will any money saved by closing one school benefit the other? So far there has been little improvement or benefit in anyway since CLP took over other schools in Swanage. Overspending yet children are going regularly without resources	6/6/2026 2:05 AM
91	Why is it the village school that is being penalised	6/5/2026 8:11 PM
92	What school will be next to merge seeing as your academy owns many in the area.	6/5/2026 7:26 PM
93	Would it be possible to rent St Georges as a non denominational school from the diocese of Salisbury	6/5/2026 6:39 PM
94	are you aware of how this proposal has already caused so much distress to children and parents who have decided to pull their children from the school September 2026. do you feel proud of this?	6/5/2026 2:17 PM
95	Other swanage schools have impressive numbers, St George's is also close to capacity for its intake for 2026. St Marks is extremely low. Will you share any details of actions you have taken to try to improve St Marks school in terms or reputation, attendance and grades in order to improve their intake of people choosing their school?	6/5/2026 12:35 PM
96	Why St George's when they have spent so much money on the school	6/5/2026 9:07 AM
97	To what extent has the impact of new housing been considered in this decision?	6/5/2026 7:21 AM
98	How will you manage SEN transitions?	6/4/2026 7:43 PM
99		6/4/2026 7:46 PM
100	If both school merged then where will be the new location?	6/4/2026 6:41 PM
101	Will existing contracted hours be protected?	6/4/2026 4:56 PM
102	With schools joining i hope bullying wont start	6/4/2026 4:09 PM
103	Isn't it convenient that a large development is happening behind the school. Can you hostly say that this has nothing to do with your proposal? As in if the school was to close it would become prime real estate.	6/4/2026 3:59 PM
104	why would a school that's doing really well and the only one in the village be closed over a school that's not and has a bad reputation and also has 3 others in the area	6/4/2026 2:32 PM
105	Have you surveyed the number of young families who have recently moved into Langton Matravers?	6/4/2026 12:59 PM
106	What exactly are the finances involved ?	6/4/2026 12:44 PM
107	Will there be a bus to take children from Langton M to Swanage ? Swanage already swamped with school traffic with individual cars	6/4/2026 10:00 AM
108	1	6/4/2026 6:17 AM
109	Why should Coastal Partnership have the right to close St George's when it is our only school	6/4/2026 1:04 AM

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110	Why are you going through the pretence of a consultation when you have a clear bias? You are not following the correct procedure for a consultation and I wonder if what you are doing is lawful.	6/3/2026 9:53 PM
111	I'm suspicious that a mass development is on going behind the school I'm concerned that the school may be subject to an offer from the construction company to obtain the land?	6/3/2026 8:15 PM
112	I believe Explorers have a site there, would they remain as well?	6/3/2026 6:15 PM
113	how do you propose that this will be a smooth integration that will not cause disturbance to our children who will be about to start their SATS	6/3/2026 4:23 PM
114	When would the school close if your terrible plans go through?	6/3/2026 12:26 PM
115	What alternative options have been fully explored before proposing a merger and closure of the St. George's site?	6/3/2026 7:41 AM
116	Has the trust properly considered the negative impact the decisiion to close St George's will have on the whole village if it goes ahead?	6/3/2026 1:49 AM
117		6/2/2026 8:13 PM
118	Consolidating resources can lead to restructured non-teaching and teaching posts. How many job redundancies are projected as a result of the proposal?	6/2/2026 7:25 PM
119	Have you considered that many of the parents may opt for Corfe castle primary school as an alternative to st Marks?	6/2/2026 4:35 PM
120	What will happen to the old st g site ?	6/2/2026 3:42 PM
121	Forecast pupil numbers How have the projected pupil numbers been calculated, particularly for children not yet born or not currently living in the area? What data sources (e.g. birth data, GP registrations, local authority forecasts) have been used? What methodology or modelling approach has been applied, and what assumptions underpin these projections?	6/2/2026 2:17 PM
122	What will happen to the existing staff, and please don't tell me they will be given jobs as I know for my experience as a TA at Wareham Middle School that they won't.	6/2/2026 1:59 PM
123	Will school transport be provided free of charge for the resident children of Langton should this go ahead?	6/2/2026 1:41 PM
124	With larger class sizes, will there still be opportunities for children who are more able in certain subjects to be challenged and stretched?	6/2/2026 12:40 PM
125	There is currently no school bus for senior school children from Langton to Swanage school and no parking. Is transportation a consideration in this proposal. A large percentage of children at St George's walk to and from school every day.	6/2/2026 12:39 PM
126	When is this proposal estimated to happen?	6/2/2026 11:43 AM
#	QUESTION 2	DATE
1	What will happen to the site that St George's currently occupies?	6/17/2026 3:41 PM
2	Hoe can the governors support St George's when they are already amalgamated with St Mark's.	6/17/2026 12:05 AM
3	What steps will CLP take to prevent the consultation itself from destabilising the school, particularly if parents begin moving children because of uncertainty about the school's future?	6/16/2026 7:28 PM
4	Is it true that there is a report, by the relevant authority, already sanctioning the closure?of the school	6/16/2026 10:23 AM
5	Where else are you intending to merge schools	6/15/2026 5:32 PM
6	Will the parents of St George's children have a choice of not going to St Marks if it closes or another Swanage school	6/15/2026 11:54 AM
7	What has been your review of your own management practices that have led to this overspend?	6/15/2026 10:18 AM
8	why is St Marks a better site ? A car park for staff and more field space doesnt make it better.	6/15/2026 10:04 AM

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9	why did you launch this consultation in such a clumsy way	6/15/2026 9:37 AM
10	What surveys have been done to establish medium/long term population growth in the area?	6/14/2026 5:55 PM
11	There have been questions raised about the accuracy of your data regarding pupil numbers - how credible is your data?	6/12/2026 1:50 PM
12	What impact assessment has been done in the village, community and wellbeing of the children.	6/12/2026 9:59 AM
13	Can you give an overall pupil:teacher ratio for this academic year, 2018 (IE pre-COVID) and a projection for 2029?	6/11/2026 10:51 PM
14	In total pounds, how much local funding has been redirected away from Langton classrooms to fund central trust operations since the acquisition?	6/11/2026 6:20 PM
15	What research has been done into the viability of village schools of a similar size to St George's elsewhere?	6/11/2026 12:15 PM
16	Is this a Dorset Council proposal?	6/11/2026 10:03 AM
17	What alternatives to closure have been examined?	6/11/2026 9:41 AM
18	What will happen to the school buildings	6/11/2026 3:21 AM
19	What will the social and spiritual impact be if a school is divorced from its village and church?	6/10/2026 10:32 PM
20	Why is school closure being proposed before addressing the wider demographic issues that are reducing the number of permanent families living in the area?	6/10/2026 10:09 PM
21	When do they want to close the school	6/10/2026 8:36 PM
22	What issues do they have with mixed classes?	6/10/2026 7:03 PM
23	If the proposal goes ahead how quickly will it be implemented	6/10/2026 2:17 PM
24	Has thought been given to the effect on Langton Matravers making it a ghost village the same as Worth Matravers	6/10/2026 11:21 AM
25	What will happen to the St Georges site?	6/10/2026 9:53 AM
26	Is anyone from coastal learning partnership living in Purbeck	6/10/2026 5:44 AM
27	Do you have a Parent Representative on the Board?	6/9/2026 8:53 PM
28	I need greater clarity on teh finncial assumptions made for the projection figures. funding by school , per pupil, cost by class, etc. also needs to be split by school	6/9/2026 9:11 PM
29	Please could you advise how the increase of traffic into Swanage will be managed?	6/9/2026 8:29 PM
30	What specific alternatives to closure were explored, and how were they evaluated before arriving at the preferred proposal to merge St George's into St Mark's?	6/9/2026 5:27 PM
31	Are there likely to be any redundancies?	6/9/2026 1:49 PM
32	Are you considering creating an infant school in one location and a junior in the other?	6/9/2026 11:24 AM
33	St Marks is not the first choice of St George's parents for legitimate reasons. How does CLP believe the merge can benefit our children when the upheaval of having their school will be absolutely devastating?	6/9/2026 7:46 AM
34	If it goes ahead can the site be used as a community hub for the village	6/8/2026 8:43 PM
35	Is it in an ecological ethical perspective? Travel, etc for parents	6/8/2026 8:28 PM
36	How will it serve our very young children to go to school outside of their community? Langton and the villages are distinct communities- we are separate from Swanage and deserve an education that serves us, without having to go to Swanage.	6/8/2026 8:25 PM
37	Is the negative social and community impact on the village being weighed as a factor, alongside the higher role-fill?	6/8/2026 2:57 PM
38	How will the quality of education of a higher achieving primary school be maintained when merging with a lower achieving one?	6/8/2026 1:49 PM
39	Re: question 1: If so, have all available funding options been considered?	6/8/2026 1:36 PM
40	Why isn't there an other options suggested.	6/8/2026 12:49 PM

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41	What is the view of the diocese?	6/8/2026 10:06 AM
42	Do you believe that finance savings are more important than children welfare and academic results	6/8/2026 8:07 AM
43	Why is the economic rationalist view primary?	6/8/2026 7:58 AM
44	Has the Dorset Planning Authority been approached for their views on an alternative use of St George's School	6/7/2026 7:53 PM
45	The Council should be supporting local communities, not trying to harm them.	6/7/2026 4:45 PM
46	Should the merger go ahead what would happen to the current St George's site? There is speculation that this would be sold for development land, however without a school how would the infrastructure of the village support more housing?	6/7/2026 3:00 PM
47	What will the site be used for. More homes?	6/7/2026 2:32 PM
48	What will happen if school numbers go up and they have closed the school	6/7/2026 7:36 AM
49	What will happen to the site?	6/6/2026 8:50 PM
50	How can people who don't know the village/school suggest such ludicrous things?	6/6/2026 7:00 PM
51	Who owns the land that St George's sits on ?	6/6/2026 4:36 PM
52	Where is the evidence for a continuing reduction in pupil numbers.	6/6/2026 4:31 PM
53	Has the impact on the children been considered	6/6/2026 4:25 PM
54	What about the new planned housing agreements recently in Harmans cross and Langton?	6/6/2026 4:10 PM
55	The children currently visit the community allotment and neighbouring nature trail as part of their outdoor learning. They will lose this community engagement at St Mark's	6/6/2026 3:59 PM
56	Have polls been taken to see how much future interest there is in the school?	6/6/2026 3:56 PM
57	What are the issues - numbers of pupils? costs involved?	6/6/2026 3:31 PM
58	What are plans for the Langton school site should the merger take place?	6/6/2026 2:13 PM
59	St George's has a good uptake with many families choosing it as first choice for 2026 (11 – from FOI request). St Mark's has a very low number of first choice offers in the local area (4). What makes you think that the St George's families will choose St Marks as their first choice considering that their own catchment currently don't?	6/6/2026 12:23 PM
60	What will you be offering the families from Herston, Worth, Langton and Kingston that will now either have to walk with young children and cross a busy road, drive to cause yet more congestion already at St Mark's, or get the bus/taxi in which they will be expected to pay for.	6/6/2026 2:05 AM
61	Why the sudden need to close this school when its always been on a smaller scale	6/5/2026 8:11 PM
62	Salisbury diocese are looking for profit by selling the St Georges site	6/5/2026 6:39 PM
63	Have you considered that this (st George's) nurturing successful school is a success due to its location and community?	6/5/2026 12:35 PM
64	Aster are building my afordball homes in the village surly they will be field with families	6/5/2026 9:07 AM
65	How long has this been under consideration and who has been involved in the decision making process to date?	6/5/2026 7:21 AM
66		6/4/2026 7:43 PM
67	Is it will be in St.marks location or new location?	6/4/2026 6:41 PM
68	How much notice would staff receive before any role change takes effect?	6/4/2026 4:56 PM
69	Why do you think closing the school is a good idea	6/4/2026 3:59 PM
70	Have you advertised the proposals sufficiently? It's too late for our parish magazine. How do most people	6/4/2026 12:59 PM
71	Is it really a question of education quality or money making ? It will make the language easier .	6/4/2026 12:44 PM

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72	1	6/4/2026 6:17 AM
73	Where does the Church stand on this? Surely being a Chuch aided school they must have some input.	6/4/2026 1:04 AM
74	I do not feel that one school having a car park is a valid reason to choose one site over the other, do you? (This is an example of a leading question)	6/3/2026 9:53 PM
75	Why do you need to close the school as I can see you real evidence of this if you were to put the community first the students and the village first. This is something that the whole town is shocked by not only parents of the school	6/3/2026 8:15 PM
76	Parking at St Marks, how will this work?	6/3/2026 4:23 PM
77	How will the merger improve educational outcomes for children compared with keeping both schools open?	6/3/2026 7:41 AM
78	How will the happiness of children by impacted by the proposed change?	6/2/2026 8:13 PM
79	Will a dedicated budget be allocated for marketing and outreach to retain current students and attract new enrollments?	6/2/2026 7:25 PM
80	Are there enough teaching roles for all of the teachers to move to st marks should they want to or are you going to make some redundant?	6/2/2026 4:35 PM
81	Why spend so much money on a new building if this was likely to happen	6/2/2026 3:42 PM
82	Evidence of falling pupil numbers Please provide historic pupil numbers for St George's and St Mark's for at least the past 10 years. This should include total pupils on roll, Reception intake numbers, and capacity versus actual occupancy each year. The consultation states there has been a "sustained and significant fall in pupil numbers"; please provide the data to evidence this.	6/2/2026 2:17 PM
83	Will the land go for development?	6/2/2026 1:59 PM
84	What will become of the St George's school building?	6/2/2026 1:41 PM
85	Is there an area outside of St Marks where children and parents can gather at the end of the day (like the play park opposite St George's)? This is important socially for for children and parents.	6/2/2026 12:40 PM
86	Why is there not better advertising about how great the school is?	6/2/2026 11:43 AM
#	QUESTION 3	DATE
1	Does the diocese support this move?	6/17/2026 12:05 AM
2	Will CLP and Dorset Council publish the full pupil forecast data used to support this proposal, including birth-rate assumptions, catchment assumptions, parental preference assumptions, and projected pupil numbers by year group?	6/16/2026 7:28 PM
3	How advanced are plans to sell the school site to developers?	6/16/2026 10:23 AM
4	Do you know of the unintended consequences of your present proposal on the children and their community's	6/15/2026 5:32 PM
5	Is this a done deal? Or is this consultation just a cosmetic exercise.	6/15/2026 10:18 AM
6	As an academy all of your schools must be losing pupils. As a family you are big enough to support all your schools through this arent you?	6/15/2026 10:04 AM
7	why did you not take into account actual and proposed developments in the immediate number	6/15/2026 9:37 AM
8	Has the proposal taken account of new developments?	6/14/2026 5:55 PM
9	I have heard that parents were not communicated with in an appropriate manner - why was this?	6/12/2026 1:50 PM
10	What other alternatives have you looked at to balance books across 20 primary schools	6/12/2026 9:59 AM
11	Can you explain why larger schools and therefore classes will be of benefit to pupils' progress?	6/11/2026 10:51 PM
12	Can you show that the CLP takeover has actively created or accelerated the local deficit you are now using to justify our closure."	6/11/2026 6:20 PM
13	Is the underlying reason for closure to sell off the buildings and land to property developers?	6/11/2026 10:03 AM

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14	Have the discussions been open minded?	6/11/2026 9:41 AM
15	Why is the importance of the school's contribution to the village being ignored	6/11/2026 3:21 AM
16	Will staff lose their jobs?	6/10/2026 10:32 PM
17	Has a 3–5 year review period been considered to allow time for housing, demographic and enrolment trends to be monitored before making an irreversible decision? If not, why not?	6/10/2026 10:09 PM
18	If the proposal goes ahead and 50% of parents remove their children will you keep the school open until the planned merger date	6/10/2026 2:17 PM
19	Has the new community building that is happening in the next two years been taken into account	6/10/2026 11:21 AM
20	How many schools does CLP control	6/10/2026 5:44 AM
21	To what capacity are Dorset Council involved with the decision making process? And at what stage?	6/9/2026 8:53 PM
22	What would be deemed a "manageable" deficit	6/9/2026 9:11 PM
23	Will there be better public transport links to accommodate the children who will be coming from Langton & Worth Matravers?	6/9/2026 8:29 PM
24	Has any assessment been undertaken of the impact that the loss of a village school may have on children's sense of place, community connection, belonging and wellbeing, and if so, where can that assessment be viewed?	6/9/2026 5:27 PM
25	Would you consider allowing a recruitment drive, I.e. open day to attract more pupils for St George's within the consultation period (before 10th July) as this did not happen in autumn 2025?	6/9/2026 11:24 AM
26	What will the proposed merged school offer families they cant get at another local school?	6/9/2026 7:46 AM
27	How do you propose to increase pupil numbers to make the school viable	6/8/2026 8:43 PM
28	Is your decision based on funding? Have you considered that your decision is detrimental to a child over an aged population? Social care, eyc	6/8/2026 8:28 PM
29	How will you continue to support our community if you close the school? We are a dynamic, active community with a secular centre (the village hall) and a Christian centre (the church). The school is active with both and the community supports the school	6/8/2026 8:25 PM
30	Please list where the financial benefits come from merging the schools and expected expenditure going forward.	6/8/2026 1:49 PM
31	Have CLP thought about how unsettling and disruptive merging would be for all children at St. George's but specifically for SEN pupils?	6/8/2026 1:36 PM
32	Is this really a consultation or have you made up your mind already? It feels as though ever since the CLP took over this has been their aim.	6/8/2026 12:49 PM
33	What, if any, alternatives have been considered?	6/8/2026 10:06 AM
34	Has this merger been a strategic decision of the coast partnership since St George's joined the group?	6/8/2026 8:07 AM
35	Local services are the wellspring of community- do you agree?	6/8/2026 7:58 AM
36	What are the planned classroom sizes if the merger goes ahead	6/7/2026 7:53 PM
37	There are a lot of parents who, should the merger continue, will not be sending their children to St Mark's, has this been considered when looking at the merger as this would still leave St Mark's with significant under enrolment issues. What would happen to St Mark's in this case, as surly this would undermine the purpose of this proposal?	6/7/2026 3:00 PM
38	More homes means more children therefore build more homes on suitable sites in the village for families	6/7/2026 2:32 PM
39	I believe that if st George's is 70% or over to warrants to have the school kept openve the same h	6/7/2026 7:36 AM
40	Does this open up to a lack of potential sites if there is a year with a lot of student influx with all primary schools being full/over capacity?	6/6/2026 8:50 PM
41	Why has there been no opportunity for parents to be invited for meetings with the school	6/6/2026 7:00 PM

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42	If the school shuts what would happen to the site and school field ?	6/6/2026 4:36 PM
43	What is the source?	6/6/2026 4:31 PM
44	Has the impact for the local area been considered	6/6/2026 4:25 PM
45	Would the new housing developments create more pupils in St George's rather than closing the school?	6/6/2026 4:10 PM
46	Why if the intake and demand for St Mark's is lower are St George's expected to merge when actually the intake figures for St George's (26/27) are healthy	6/6/2026 3:59 PM
47	Has it been considered to make St George's a first school again (pre-school to year 4) and send older children years 5-6 to St marks?	6/6/2026 3:56 PM
48	Why can't the (very wealthy) CofE fund both?	6/6/2026 3:31 PM
49	Would CLP consider allowing either or both schools to opt to move to another Trust, if a suitable alternative were identified?	6/6/2026 2:13 PM
50	I supported St George's joining CLP in 2023 for the protection and longevity of the school. As a trust you told us that you would be able to manage short term challenges and that's what made the plan appealing. Why wasn't this seen as a challenge during the take over, or what has significantly changed in 2-3 years that you are now planning to break this promise?	6/6/2026 12:23 PM
51	Apart from supposed educational benefits of keeping year groups separate, how does the closure of one school to make an even larger primary school benefit the wellbeing of the children having to readjust?	6/6/2026 2:05 AM
52	Closing At George's would take the heart out of Langton. Many people move here because of the small accessible school	6/5/2026 6:39 PM
53	We do not take this as a merger, we see this for what it is. A closure of one successful school to boost the numbers in another that is suffering. The comparison between the schools with regarding attendance and grades alone is obvious which one is most successful. How do you justify closing one successful school while keeping an unsuccessful one open?	6/5/2026 12:35 PM
54	What will go on the site more homes with children	6/5/2026 9:07 AM
55	Is September 2027 a reasonable time frame?	6/4/2026 7:43 PM
56	Will HLTA hours reduce?	6/4/2026 4:56 PM
57	Why are you putting in no effort to save the school other than telling parents what you want to do and putting out a consultation?	6/4/2026 3:59 PM
58	How do most residents of Langton find out about the proposals if they are not informed in the first place?	6/4/2026 12:59 PM
59	As it's an academy , is there an option for the parents to contribute to shortfall somehow ? Either donation or time etc?	6/4/2026 12:44 PM
60	1	6/4/2026 6:17 AM
61	What have Dorset Council had to do with this process and why are they not defending our right to keep the only school left in this village.	6/4/2026 1:04 AM
62	Have you really thought about what is best for the pupils and the community?	6/3/2026 9:53 PM
63	What will become of the school and grounds if the school will close	6/3/2026 8:15 PM
64	The impact on the village of Langton	6/3/2026 4:23 PM
65	What evidence is there that larger mixed-age classes will not negatively affect learning and individual support?	6/3/2026 7:41 AM
66	What is the exact timeline for consulting staff on their new roles or responsibilities?	6/2/2026 7:25 PM
67	Can infants site and juniors option be considered more? With minibus drop offs to each site?	6/2/2026 4:35 PM
68	How is the transition going to work ?	6/2/2026 3:42 PM
69	Accuracy of forecasts How accurate have previous pupil forecasts been for these schools	6/2/2026 2:17 PM

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or the local area? Please provide comparisons of forecast versus actual pupil numbers over recent years.

70	Will you stop intake of reception children at St George's during the consultation period?	6/2/2026 1:59 PM
71	Will classes still be mixed year groups should the merger happen?	6/2/2026 1:41 PM
72	Is there adequate parking for those who need to drive to St Marks (e.g from Worth Matravers), or will additional car parking needs cause chaos on surrounding roads and residential areas?	6/2/2026 12:40 PM
73	Is it wise to make children that have grown up having small classes and better attention move to a larger school where they could be overlooked?	6/2/2026 11:43 AM
#	QUESTION 4	DATE
1	What will happen to the Sports' Field- a valuable community asset?	6/17/2026 12:05 AM
2	Why have housing developments not yet been included in the pupil forecasts, particularly when Dorset Council is still progressing its Local Plan and there are local housing developments and affordable housing discussions affecting Langton Matravers, Swanage and the surrounding area?	6/16/2026 7:28 PM
3	What other alternatives have the authorities considered?	6/16/2026 10:23 AM
4	Is this about the Diocese wanting one school in the Swanage area as has always been the case ?	6/15/2026 10:04 AM
5	Has CLP considered the long term behaviours of those whose confidence may have been damaged by such disruption?	6/14/2026 5:55 PM
6	How much local knowledge do you have as trustees of CLP regarding the actual school you want to close?	6/12/2026 1:50 PM
7	Is this really a consultation or have you already decided made by clear by the measures you have put in place since taking over	6/12/2026 9:59 AM
8	Can you demonstrate how students are not thriving in the current separate schools and so justify your planned merger?	6/11/2026 10:51 PM
9	Will the research for this closure be made public and when?	6/11/2026 10:03 AM
10	Have you sought insights from other schools who have faced the same problem but have not gone down the road of closure?	6/11/2026 9:41 AM
11	What kind of development would be allowed if the site was vacant	6/11/2026 3:21 AM
12	Will the children (the main stakeholders) be consulted?	6/10/2026 10:32 PM
13	What evidence is there that merging the schools will improve educational outcomes rather than simply reducing costs?	6/10/2026 10:09 PM
14	Will the staff be redeployed to the new school?	6/10/2026 2:17 PM
15	You have stated in the consultation documentation that 'Sometimes pupil numbers can go up and down. Have you completed any budget forecasting if they were to go up? with a short term deficit? Taking into consideration that this is a trend across the whole county? And, further to this, are the Government going to review their funding model per pupil if this is an ongoing national issue?	6/9/2026 8:53 PM
16	Would you consider a teaching head at st georges to reduce costs	6/9/2026 9:11 PM
17	How has the Salisbury diocese, presumably under the advice of CLP, Wcome to their decision to close St George's?	6/9/2026 11:24 AM
18	Does CLP believe parents will accept the merge and school their children in the merged model or find alternative schooling?	6/9/2026 7:46 AM
19	What will happen to the staff that currently work at St George's	6/8/2026 8:43 PM
20	If it was your child who was being moved in necessarily, would you be happy with the decision?	6/8/2026 8:28 PM
21	How will you support / protect the church community if the school goes?	6/8/2026 8:25 PM
22	Please provide evidence that both schools will need increased mixed year teaching going forward.	6/8/2026 1:49 PM

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23	If the merge were to go ahead, we would not be sending either of our children to St Marks site (despite being closer to our home) as St Marks is deeply problematic and doesn't have the best environment for SEN pupils or otherwise. It has a bad reputation, both personal and in the local area.	6/8/2026 1:36 PM
24	Why doesn't this take into account the amount of new housing being built in Langton?	6/8/2026 12:49 PM
25	Have you investigated cost reduction within the trust in order to not upheave the children and lose an essential community asset which is at George's?	6/8/2026 8:07 AM
26	How do you envisage all the children from St George's being dropped off and collected safely due to the busy main road situated at the school entrance	6/7/2026 7:53 PM
27	Can the move justify the affected children's wellbeing, in particular those who will be in their final year at primary school undertaking their year 6 SATS?	6/7/2026 3:00 PM
28	Not a question but it's a done deal and a bad and dangerous one.	6/6/2026 7:00 PM
29	If the school shuts will you put a pelican crossing at the bottom of Coombe Hill , like you have at st Marks	6/6/2026 4:36 PM
30	Are you working with Dorset Council to integrate your plans with the economic development of this part of Dorset?	6/6/2026 4:31 PM
31	What other options have been considered if any	6/6/2026 4:25 PM
32	Do you wan strip the heart out of Langton Matravers by closing the school	6/6/2026 4:10 PM
33	Where have you got your birth rate figures and where is the consideration for all the proposed new houses?	6/6/2026 3:59 PM
34	Has it been considered to change part of the school to become specialist provision for SEND? Very lacking in the Purbecks!!	6/6/2026 3:56 PM
35	What are the options?	6/6/2026 3:31 PM
36	At any point did you consult any parents/carers or members of staff of St George's before announcing the intention of closing the school? If not, why?	6/6/2026 2:05 AM
37	Are you aware that you have automatically presumed the St George's family's will choose to merge with St Marks? St George's may close and St Marks may also remain struggling. This is a reality as so many families do not favour St Marks, we are all close enough, local enough to have chosen the alternative just 1 mile away for a reason	6/5/2026 12:35 PM
38	Will year-group teams and support staff teams have time to work together before the merger takes place?	6/4/2026 4:56 PM
39	What evidence do you have to suggest future numbers will drop?	6/4/2026 3:59 PM
40	What would happen to the school and playing field in Langton. [REDACTED]	6/4/2026 12:59 PM
41	1	6/4/2026 6:17 AM
42	How can closing one school and sending the pupils to St Marks create this high-quality primary eduction experience when all it is doing is upsetting not only children, parents and grandparents but a whole community who have given so much to our village school. Why wait until it is obvious	6/4/2026 1:04 AM
43	Don't feel that the take over by the partnership or in better words the corporation, I've seen the school change since the take over and I feel that the school was stringer when it was independent	6/3/2026 8:15 PM
44	Will this mean bigger classes? [REDACTED].	6/3/2026 4:23 PM
45	How will increased pupil numbers on one site affect classroom space, outdoor areas, parking, and traffic safety?	6/3/2026 7:41 AM
46	Where is the funding for the transition coming from, and will classroom resources be protected?	6/2/2026 7:25 PM
47	I think the St George's location is great for rural children who have to travel in. Have you considered that perhaps 3 primary's in swanage is too many?	6/2/2026 4:35 PM
48	What will class sizes look like	6/2/2026 3:42 PM
49	Change since the Trust took over Has the trend in pupil numbers changed since the schools	6/2/2026 2:17 PM

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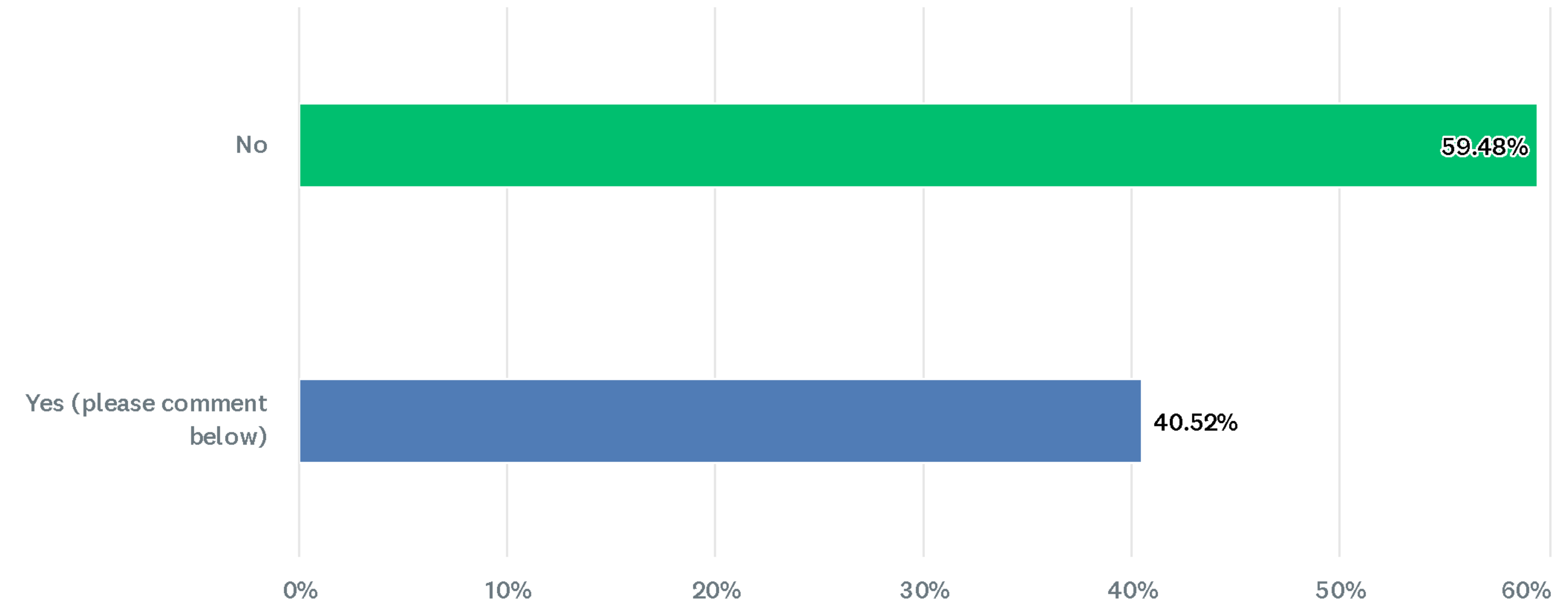
	joined the Coastal Learning Partnership? If this decline was already evident, why was it not addressed within the original strategy when the Trust took on the schools? Were merger or structural change options considered at that point?	
50	How will you facilitate transition for St George's pupils who may have to move from a very small school to a much larger one with bigger class sizes?	6/2/2026 1:59 PM
51	Have the DfE already been consulted regarding this proposal and if not when will this happen?	6/2/2026 1:41 PM
52	Will the larger class sizes present more opportunities for clubs/activities as these are currently limited St Georges (particularly for younger children)?	6/2/2026 12:40 PM
53	That's been any thought into making either school into a special provisions school with the growing number of neurodiverse children?	6/2/2026 11:43 AM
#	QUESTION 5	DATE
1	Will the standard of education be improved by yhis move?	6/17/2026 12:05 AM
2	Why is an irreversible decision about the future of a village school being considered before the Dorset Local Plan is finalised and before future housing growth has been fully assessed?	6/16/2026 7:28 PM
3	How quickly will the closure come about, if there is not a change of thought?	6/16/2026 10:23 AM
4	What about the staff? What will they be offered?	6/14/2026 5:55 PM
5	email me [REDACTED]	6/13/2026 9:21 PM
6	What alternatives can you propose that keep St George's open?	6/12/2026 1:50 PM
7	Can you offer a realistic cost-benefit analysis of this merger and allow the current schools to offer creative cost-cutting solutions if indeed this is all because of cost?	6/11/2026 10:51 PM
8	Why is this being proposed in such haste	6/11/2026 3:21 AM
9	How will the loss of a village school affect the long-term sustainability of Langton Matravers as a community for young families?	6/10/2026 10:09 PM
10	Have you considered establishing an alternative provision, not just SEND but a more varied approach to learning for a variety of students	6/10/2026 2:17 PM
11	The trust has a total of 20 schools within BCP and Purbeck area. What are the figures/statistics looking like for the other schools within the MAT? What measures are being put in place? Are deficits accounted for with the other schools that could affect the overall pupils numbers? and income across the whole CLP?	6/9/2026 8:53 PM
12	The children at St Georges are really happy and benefit from the small class sizes/ mixed aged teaching. its a positive of teh school , not a negative. The whole expecrince of teh students is donwto teh teachers and teh teachers at st georges are fantastic, led by the best head I have ever known.	6/9/2026 9:11 PM
13	Would you consider cutting your financial losses by closing St Mark's to benefit numbers in all schools in the Purbeck area, despite some of them not being run by CLP?	6/9/2026 11:24 AM
14	St Marks is not CE, how will the children's spiritual wellbeing be supported?	6/9/2026 7:46 AM
15	How does reducing the number of schools, jobs associated with it and pupil choice help our communities to thrive?	6/8/2026 8:25 PM
16	Was the decision to merge the schools made before the MAT took over ST Georges? If not what has changed in the last 12 months for this decision to be reached given that birth rate data etc is widely available.	6/8/2026 1:49 PM
17	Why was the effect on the village not a consideration at all?	6/8/2026 12:49 PM
18	How do you propose to support the higher number of children with EHCP AND PP	6/7/2026 7:53 PM
19	Is the economic development department working with education providers?	6/6/2026 4:31 PM
20	If the pupil number trend has been forecast, was this the case when you took the school over and assured us a future at St George's?	6/6/2026 3:59 PM
21	Why should we not consider this as a corporate move to save money than to better help local children easily access education, and equally as important helping the families get them there?	6/6/2026 2:05 AM

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22	If this is about funding have you asked the Government/Church of England for support	6/4/2026 3:59 PM
23	1	6/4/2026 6:17 AM
24	Why wait until it seems decisions have been made before announcing these proposals . It seems that it is already a done deal?	6/4/2026 1:04 AM
25	Do you feel that having one headteacher to mange both schools is in the interest of the students and why?	6/3/2026 8:15 PM
26	What will happen to the site? More posh homes?	6/3/2026 4:23 PM
27	How many parents and local residents genuinely support the proposal compared with those who oppose it?	6/3/2026 7:41 AM
28	If the merge happens, what aspects of St George's identity will be carried over to the new site?	6/2/2026 4:35 PM
29	Local assumptions What local factors have been considered in forecasting pupil numbers (e.g. housing developments, demographic changes, parental preference trends)? The consultation suggests no future increase in pupil numbers; what evidence supports this assumption? Threshold for this proposal What specific data thresholds (e.g. pupil numbers or financial position) triggered this proposal? At what point was it determined that continuing with two schools was no longer viable?	6/2/2026 2:17 PM
30	Will the new school require new uniforms (more expense?)	6/2/2026 1:59 PM
31	How will these plans be communicated to children? Will there be induction days etc? [REDACTED] [REDACTED] .	6/2/2026 12:40 PM

Q8 343 responses

Do you have any further comments that you would like to make?



Answer Choices	Percentage	Responses
No	59.48%	204
Yes (please comment below)	40.52%	139
Total		343

#	YES (PLEASE COMMENT BELOW)	DATE
1	This survey says it is only concerned with securing high quality primary education for local pupils, but the closure of St Georges in Langton is also a loss of an institution that is a focal point for village life. Please consider how this affects residents, even those who have no relatives of primary school age.	6/17/2026 3:48 PM
2	We have a thriving school in Langton, with a mobile group of parents who choose to come up to the school from Swanage, bypassing St Mark's. Why on earth would any sensible person think that this proposed merger will result in parents doing what the academy trust wants? With school rolls dropping at St Mary's, Swanage School and Corfe, there will be capacity for parents to choose those schools over St Mark's - as they already do. I don't think the proposed social engineering of a bigger St Mark's would succeed. Both in the proposed merger are likely to fail to attract the numbers.	6/17/2026 11:14 AM
3	This move would discourage young people staying and/ or coming to the village. It would be severely detrimental to village life.	6/17/2026 12:13 AM
4	. I do not support the proposal to merge St George's into St Mark's on the St Mark's site. I accept that falling pupil numbers and school finances are serious issues, but I do not believe the case has yet been made for the permanent loss of St George's as a village school in Langton Matravers. My immediate concern is the impact this consultation is already having on current pupils and families. Teachers and arrangements for next year have already been confirmed, yet the consultation has created uncertainty at a crucial point. I believe CLP should urgently confirm, clearly and in writing, that St George's will operate normally for the full 2026/27 academic year and that Year 6 pupils will be able to complete their final primary school year at St George's. Moving or destabilising children during Year 6 would be unacceptable. I am also concerned that the consultation itself may cause the very decline it relies upon. I understand that some parents are already looking at other schools because of the uncertainty. If families move because	6/16/2026 7:45 PM

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they fear the school may close, pupil numbers may fall further before any final decision has even been made. CLP should take active steps to prevent the consultation becoming a self-fulfilling prophecy. More widely, I do not believe an irreversible decision should be made until the evidence is far clearer. The full pupil forecasts, financial modelling, Dorset Council assumptions, housing assumptions and Local Plan implications should be published and properly scrutinised. It is particularly concerning that housing developments have not yet been included in the pupil forecasts, despite wider local housing discussions and Dorset's emerging Local Plan. The effect on Langton Matravers also appears to require far greater assessment. Removing the village school would not simply be an operational change; it would permanently alter the village and reduce its ability to attract and retain young families. A formal community impact assessment should be carried out before any decision is made. I also believe the ownership and history of the St George's site and associated land must be clarified before the proposal progresses. This should include any historic trust deeds, covenants, educational-use restrictions, reverter provisions, licences, leases, Asset of Community Value status, community-use agreements, and any arrangements connected to the Old Malthouse or land historically gifted for educational use. Finally, I believe credible alternatives should be properly explored before closure is pursued. These should include managing PAN numbers across the wider Purbeck area, maintaining St George's as a smaller village school, further shared leadership and shared services, strengthening the pre-school and early-years route, developing a distinctive rural/outdoor/environmental education offer, wider community use, SEND or specialist provision, and whether another trust or operating model could support the school if CLP believes it cannot. This consultation should not simply ask whether one merger option is acceptable. It should demonstrate that every reasonable alternative has been properly examined before Langton Matravers loses its village school.

5	To get to the field at St. Georges pupils have to cross the main road through the village whereas at St. Mark's access is directly from the classrooms within the secure school site. Not all children could go to St. Georges from the proposed change date without extra building which would involve a financial implication to the Trust and put it further into debt. There is no car park for staff at St. Georges. Playground space is smaller at St. Georges. If the two schools remain as they are currently large mixed age classes would be required - not ideal and recruiting staff could be impacted. Both are church schools so a merger would retain the Christian values both have. Also St. Mark's has a Forest school and preschool with wrap around care. It make sense to merge on the St. Mark's for the quality of provision and resulting education and financially with the falling roll and predicted deficit if they stay as they are at present.	6/16/2026 4:50 PM
6	Whoever wrote this questionnaire was not impartial and clearly wants everyone to support the closure. Questions and the below options are leading at best, insulting at worst. It is written as if you are talking to a toddler.	6/16/2026 3:50 PM
7	Was this proposal already under consideration when St Marks relocated to the Grammar School sight in Swanage?	6/16/2026 10:30 AM
8	The school site will undoubtedly get sold for housing, the money will not directly benefit the village, its community or the displaced pupils. It will be another step towards the village becoming a dormitory settlement for commuters and the retired.	6/16/2026 10:08 AM
9	Removing the school from village will have a huge impact on the community. It will kill the village. [REDACTED]. This "proposed merger" feels like a done deal without due regard to the impact to the community or children who are at either schools. It appears to be solely financial rather than for the benefit & welfare of the children.	6/15/2026 7:26 PM
10	The removal of the school is detrimental to the children and the local community.	6/15/2026 7:21 PM
11	I've been a trustee of St George's Preschool for 10 years until it was recently handed over to the CLP including our significant financial reserves! [REDACTED] [REDACTED] It has also involved in several planned joint up activities.	6/15/2026 5:39 PM
12	It is never easy to close schools but I hope it can be done amicably	6/15/2026 12:00 PM
13	Please don't tear the heart out of our local communities, a good education has been given b6 countless teachers, volunteers and other staff over generations. Hang on in there with Worth and Langton.	6/15/2026 10:23 AM
14	Q9 is based on the false premis of falling pupil numbers and should be withdrawn	6/15/2026 9:42 AM
15	If the school closes.... [REDACTED] we will be looking at schools in that area as we have local connections with work and family support there, rather	6/15/2026 12:29 AM

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than looking at st marks...

16	There are new housing developments being planned for the Langton area which will increase numbers. The People of Harmons cross, worth & Langton deserve to have there own school	6/14/2026 11:41 PM
17	St George's School is highly regarded on several fronts. Can an organisation given the important management of students' education (and thus their futures) be allowed to cause so much harm?	6/14/2026 6:02 PM
18	Both communities are very different and sadly there is a "class divide" and a historical negative narrative about St Mark's which much of Swanage and Langton believe. St Mark's is a wonderful school and every child that attends there does very well, but in the past (like a long time in the past!) this hasn't always been the case and there is a view that the staff are not very nice and the children are trouble. The high PP and high SEN has a stigma which many families in Swanage and Langton do not want their children mixing with these "types" of children and families. This narrative needs to change as it is not healthy, or true, and actually having a combined school could actually irradiate this negative view and the merged school will be an amazing place to be! St Mark's welcomes news of having larger classes and more children, St George's parents wish to keep smaller classes in their own village and I think would welcome the mixed age classes over merging with St Mark's. Many families have left St Mark's over the last few years due to genuine reasons which is mainly housing. Many families were housed at Herston Yard and when this was closed down they were moved out of area or were in temporary housing in Swanage or surrounding areas. New housing developments in Dorchester or Weymouth have given these families a new property that if they said no they would not be offered another house- hence they had to leave. This is the main reason pupil numbers at St Mark's have been falling. St Mark's parents also did not want mixed ages classes and when this was announced two years ago, some families left to go to Swanage Primary or St Mary's as they wanted single age year groups. The above reasons combined with a well known Langton family whose children attend St Mark's and are in one of the mixed age classes was a perfect storm for leaving the school. If both schools were merged, in time, hopefully all that will disappear and the school will be amazing, its about managing ripping the sticking plaster off!	6/14/2026 11:39 AM
19	This is a national issue, it's not just about Langton. Many of the new houses being built in Langton will, unfortunately, be completely unaffordable for young families. St Mark's is a large, spacious vzmpys with plenty of space to develop. St George's would need major funding to comfortably accommodate children from both schools.	6/13/2026 5:36 PM
20	Having met many children from St George's. They have explained that they love their school & I can see first hand how their small class sizes have bonded the children and how they all appear to be thriving.	6/13/2026 11:27 AM
21	Whilst St George's is a village school, what % of pupils are residents of Langton? St Marks has a large catchment nearby and this means the majority of pupils are able to walk/cycle/scoot to school.	6/12/2026 9:53 PM
22	This is a merger of what should be 2 like minded schools, both C of E based. The bias directed towards St Marks is unfounded and perhaps parents should go and see for themselves what a good school St Marks is.	6/12/2026 9:25 PM
23	If St Marks is the school with low numbers and St Georges is ok - Swanage has 2 other primary schools - if their numbers are also decreasing then why not merge into one of them - the other 'town' schools would be more similar to St Marks. what would have happened if St Georges was not within the same academy as St Marks?	6/12/2026 8:58 PM
24	Village schools are the community, they should be served, they are vital to local people. Why should these families have to give up their community they have always been a part of?	6/12/2026 7:37 PM
25	This is throughout the whole the of the Purbeck area	6/12/2026 6:39 PM
26	I think this is the wrong answer to a problem that may happen in 5 years time. Parents will more children yo others schools, so st mark's might not even have enough pupils when combined.	6/12/2026 4:56 PM
27	I believe that schools are the heart of communities, and relationships are at the heart of learning. Small schools can work despite less economies of scale - there is value in the impact they make way beyond what is measured in pupil numbers. Each pupil that attends a school like St George's can go on to make a huge impact in the world.	6/12/2026 1:50 PM

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	[REDACTED]. Why would you want to shut a school that is having this level of impact?	
28	The school is the HEART of the village and it must be preserved one way or another.	6/12/2026 1:41 PM
29	The population of child numbers will improve in the future. How will you manage child places the, if you start reducing schools as a cost saving exercise!! Please leave them alone. Education And good placement for our children is essential. They are our future and village life as a community, should be encouraged.	6/12/2026 11:28 AM
30	The grounds at St. Marks are extensive including on-site field space and parking. All existing children from both schools could easily be accommodated in the new school from day one from September 2027. There is plenty of opportunity for expansion if pupil numbers rise unexpectedly in the near future. The school will be more financially stable.	6/12/2026 10:04 AM
31	This consultation has too many irregularities and needs to be stopped.	6/12/2026 10:02 AM
32	Have you made all the teaching unions and TA unions and ancillary staff unions aware of your proposal and evaluated the impact of the merger on mental health, job security and overall job prospects for staff? Have you consulted all workers and published their views? How do the parents feel about the merger? How will you transport pupils from one area to the other? Have you evaluated the environmental impact of the increased travel? Have you given due consideration to the wellbeing of the pupils who are settled in their first school having to move? What future-proofing have you taken into account when the new school cannot house all the pupils from the two areas in 10 years time once the population grows again? Have you studied UK population fluctuations and consulted Human Geography Experts and Local Planning Experts?	6/11/2026 11:02 PM
33	St George's does appear to have a high staff to pupil ratio. However, The staff also support St Mark's. I sincerely hope that the time staff spend at both schools is accurately divided between the two school cost centres and that St George's is not made to look artificially expensive to support CLP's case for closure. Why were staffing reductions and other cost reductions not attempted at St George's prior to moving straight to a merger. It does not seem any serious attempt was made to keep St George's open.	6/11/2026 6:32 PM
34	If a village school is shut, it removes a central pillar of a rural community. There will be fewer parents, more second homes and the village will eventually die.	6/11/2026 1:26 PM
35	Is it certain that numbers will fall? What about new affordable housing to encourage young families to move into the area as is being proposed in Harmans Cross.	6/11/2026 1:05 PM
36	If we lose the school the village will become an old people's village	6/11/2026 11:44 AM
37	Who exactly funds St.Georges?	6/11/2026 10:05 AM
38	At the end of the day, the children's educational futures must be paramount. However, community is important too and children are the centre of any community. It may be, that closure of St George's School seems inevitable but please, even if it takes another year, make sure that no stone has been left unturned to find an alternative that would allow St George's to remain the shining light that it has been for this village for so long.	6/11/2026 10:00 AM
39	St George's and its Pre-School have been central to the Langton Matravers village community for many years: the removal of the school will adversely affect this community.	6/11/2026 9:19 AM
40	I have some experience of a variety of schools [REDACTED] [REDACTED] ur experience of small schools has been very positive, and I have a very favourable impression of the work that is done at St George's, and the buildings and facilities. I appreciate the sustained commitment of local people to the church and their school and believe that this is the single most important consideration - with the children's views a close second.	6/10/2026 10:42 PM
41	[REDACTED], I see on a daily basis how difficult some children find it to get into school. I can't imagine how bad it would be if they had to get on a bus, and not everyone drives. Taking the school away would kill the heart of the village. [REDACTED]	6/10/2026 9:06 PM

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42	We need to keep young families in our local villages	6/10/2026 8:11 PM
43	What will happen if in future pupil numbers do pick up. Once our local village schools have gone they will be gone forever.	6/10/2026 7:31 PM
44	Traffic at start and end of day is very bad at St Mark's and The Swanage School, are there proposals to how ths can be better managed?	6/10/2026 3:48 PM
45	I have to say that this is really a lesson in how not to handle school changes. It gives the community very little confidence in the academy trust's ability to run schools	6/10/2026 2:38 PM
46	The school is the heart of Langton. The village will be ruined with the closure	6/10/2026 2:21 PM
47	Too many village schools are disappearing. Taken over by academies whose only purpose is to make money and do not give a thought to the children's education	6/10/2026 1:42 PM
48	People move to langton for the community spirit, they bring their children, children grow up and work in the community, taking the school away will be awful for the community, what would happen with the school? Get abandoned?	6/10/2026 12:12 PM
49	I do not believe all the facts have been taken into account and I think the issue needs to be looked into in more detail.	6/10/2026 11:24 AM
50	I've been very disappointed in the management of both schools, because au was so concerned about the safety of the children. Lack of funding, consideration and proper management leaves the children suffering. CLP does not improve schools. It absorbs the money, cherry picks staff, leaves schools to falter and dwindle, like St George's. CLP should not be allowed to damage our schools.	6/10/2026 5:49 AM
51	The main concern must be the children - their welfare and education!!!	6/9/2026 10:33 PM
52	I hope that CLP respect the views of all the stakeholder of St Georges C of E Primary School and make the decision accordingly, with the community at the heart. And, perhaps with a broader view of how it can be sustained and saved; which may even include alternative avenues to the current MAT.	6/9/2026 9:22 PM
53	The detrimental impact of the closures of st georges should not be underestimated. Children are resilient and will recover. The rest of teh community alongside the parents will not. St Georges is why we moved to the village. We love the school deeply and would be devastated to see it close .	6/9/2026 9:17 PM
54	Schools are the heart of a village and should be protected.	6/9/2026 8:07 PM
55	I appreciate the opportunity to respond to this consultation and I recognise the challenges presented by falling pupil numbers and financial pressures. My concern is that, whilst the consultation explores in considerable detail the operational and financial implications of retaining St George's, it appears to give less consideration to the long-term consequences of losing a village school. Once a school is removed from a community such as Langton Matravers, the impact extends far beyond the education of current pupils. It affects future families considering moving to the village, community cohesion, local identity and the connection that children have with the place in which they live. I believe there is significant value in children growing up with a strong sense of place and belonging. Schools are not simply educational institutions; they are often at the heart of community life. I would therefore encourage decision-makers to ensure that these wider social and community impacts are given equal consideration alongside financial and operational factors before any final decision is taken.	6/9/2026 5:37 PM
56	St Marks is an amazing school. I appreciate the concern of Langton re losing their village school (second homes is also a contributing factor to this issue) but if you look at all the facts, St Marks site is the most appropriate option.	6/9/2026 2:02 PM

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57	This is such a shame, the village has lost so much already, please not our little school.	6/9/2026 1:57 PM
58	The current St Mark's Primary School site, with its modern spacious teaching facilities and eight acres of outdoor space, is so obviously the best location for a genuinely aspirational and first class merged school. It would provide the best long-term outcome for our children – even if it initially proves to be controversial and unpopular. There is clearly some deep-rooted opposition to what is being proposed within the St George's school and Langton Matravers community. [REDACTED], I personally feel that consideration should be given to trying to defuse the situation by calling the newly relocated school just 'St. George's CE Primary School and Pre-school'. Whilst there is a longstanding historic association between St Mark's Church and school, for many decades until c1980 the school was simply known as 'Herston School'.	6/9/2026 12:40 PM
59	St George's offers a unique education in the heart of the village. Community is very important. There are lots of new houses being built and it's short sighted to close the school	6/9/2026 12:07 PM
60	[REDACTED] The village as a whole would be damaged irrevocably by its loss. There are new housing devopmemnts proposed and being built in order to entice families - but this will not happen if you shut down Langton's beating heart. Please reconsider the merger for the sake of our community [REDACTED].	6/9/2026 11:34 AM
61	The current, expanded St George's School was rebuilt perhaps only 10-15 years ago; St Mark's was also revamped around the same time, I believe. Presumably, at that stage, the considerable expense of revamping both schools was justifiable. Why, then, after such a short time, has the situation changed? Was the original assessment wrong - and was considerable money wasted expanding St George's School? If that assessment was wrong, how do we know your current assessment is not also wrong - and that someone will not be calling for an entirely new school to be built in 10-20 years time because of rising pupil numbers?	6/9/2026 11:07 AM
62	Should the proposed merge go ahead, [REDACTED] [REDACTED]	6/9/2026 7:47 AM
63	I believe that the decision is being made to save money and with no regard to a child's education or mental health Further more, it is a money saving exercise to enable older adults to have a better lifestyle and not a forethought or substantial idea What next?	6/8/2026 8:33 PM
64	The church and the school are integral - they don't just share a name, they share a community, a faith, a belief that are children deserve to have the continuity of education, a history and a love for our villages and the people in them. I also want to comment that the biased wording used on the options below is very disappointing. The 4 options should be laid out factually and without bias.	6/8/2026 8:32 PM
65	Please take a long term view and not make short term decisions which will cause educational space shortfalls in the future	6/8/2026 8:30 PM
66	A heartfelt plea to preserve the existing school for the sake of the quality of life in the village and the wellbeing of the children who attend and their families.	6/8/2026 5:45 PM
67	Pupil numbers go go up and down over the years , so removing the school is not the answer.	6/8/2026 2:34 PM
68	What is the Diocese of Salisbury views on the merger? Are they in favour of merging and losing a village school at the heart of a long established village community? Is there the option for another MAT taking over St Georges instead of a merger? Can full financial records for St Georges and St Marks be provided for the years prior to and after it became an MAT? Can full attainment (SATS etc) records be provided for both St Georges and St Marks for the last 10 years. Can we see a breakdown of the financial expenditure for the last year - in particular why supply staffing costs are so high and what percentage of expenditure on admin/clerical is for central services of the MAT? How has the expenditure for the school changed in the last 5-10 years.	6/8/2026 2:04 PM
69	St George's and St George's preschool are very special and additional funding is needed to continue their good work with the children and subsequent contribution to the community.	6/8/2026 1:40 PM
70	Vital part of our village	6/8/2026 1:38 PM
71	I strongly oppose this proposal as I am sure will most people. I would like to ensure CLP is	6/8/2026 12:54 PM

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more transparent in future and would like to see the full consultation responses published. If there is overwhelming opposition this cannot be allowed to happen. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] future children should have that opportunity as they have had for the last 150 years.

72	A solution needs to be found, Langton will end up a village with nothing to it, the school keeps it alive.	6/8/2026 11:47 AM
73	Closing Rural Schools is yet another obstacle for parents wanting to move to the countryside	6/8/2026 11:13 AM
74	Don't ignore the history of this school and its place in the village. Many of your respondents to this survey have attended the school, as have their parents and grandparents, children and grandchildren.	6/8/2026 10:08 AM
75	Please don't do this. Once a school has gone it won't come back. The existing Langton Matravers school contributes to the vitality of the village and local area and engages with local events, the church, populating the streets, use of open spaces and engagement with local people	6/8/2026 10:05 AM
76	There are significant limitations to the St. Georges site which is smaller with no current room for expansion should the birth rate rise and pupil numbers increase in the future. If a merger took place on the St. Georges site not all children could be accommodated for a number of years, adding to costs and increasing deficits. There is no car park and access to the field is across the main road through Langton Matravers and other outside spaces are smaller. Ultimately the quality of provision for the children would be best served for the two schools to merge on the St. Mark's site. The values of both schools and their Christian Ethos can be maintained in a merger under option B1. St. Mark's teaching spaces, expansive outdoor areas including a hard standing playground, and forest school plus the pre-school and wrap-around care provision which operates throughout the year provides the best option for the future. Staff retention and recruitment would be more attractive, and the footprint of the school offer more flexible class organisation.	6/8/2026 9:38 AM
77	This has been handled terribly. It's a disgrace. I've lost all trust in the CLP and our headteacher during this process. Neither party has discussed Saigon f the school and looking at what can be done to do this. [REDACTED] [REDACTED]. You've asked us how we can somehow stop the dwindling birth rate (pretty big request as I'm not sure this is a parent thing) so I ask you what are you doing to keep at George's school open given it is a brilliant school backed up by results. Have you promoted the success of the school within the local community areas to ensure our PAN 15 is met? What have you done to increase school numbers at St George's given it is one of the best performing first schools in the Isle of Purbeck? Also, your choices below are bias and leading.	6/8/2026 8:16 AM
78	St George's needs to have its own full-time headteacher, shocked to discover it doesn't have one.	6/8/2026 12:05 AM
79	I think this decision to merge the two schools is appalling and a cynical move to make/ save money for the Coastal Partnership. We were encouraged to believe joining the academy was to prevent a school closure and safeguard the school's future. How gullible we were. As soon as the head teacher was shared this merger was inevitable. It is only a consultation in name only. You have made your decision.	6/7/2026 8:03 PM
80	Swanage has 2 alternate junior schools the merged school must remain in Langton to provide a future for village families	6/7/2026 7:21 PM
81	It is not long since extensive building works were done at St George s. It was selected for this investment because it was a centre of excellence. This is still the case and every effort must be made to continue its good work. Closures are easy, the skill is to ensure that centres of excellence survive.	6/7/2026 6:18 PM
82	This village has a long community association with the school as the hub of village families	6/7/2026 6:06 PM
83	I am writing to lodge a formal complaint and register my strongest possible objection to the proposed closure of st George school. This school is the heart of our village community. Generations of my own family have been educated here, and its threatened closure is a devastating blow to our local heritage, our children, and the future viability of our village.It is my understanding that the primary justification for shutting down this vital educational facility stems from issues caused by the recent construction on the land directly looking into a school playground!!	6/7/2026 4:51 PM

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84	I'd love to know the real reason behind this proposal	6/7/2026 1:35 PM
85	Closing St George's School is not a solution	6/7/2026 12:51 PM
86	You can never be sure the number of pupils at the village school will continue to fall and, as I have said, smaller classes lead to better education. Also, if the school goes then part of the village will die and there will be less incentive for younger people to move into the village and the population of the village will age.	6/7/2026 9:58 AM
87	This merger would further erode the heart of village community.	6/7/2026 9:29 AM
88	The powers that be definitely need to think again about closing St George's School	6/7/2026 7:47 AM
89	[REDACTED]	6/6/2026 8:53 PM
90	I think this will damage the local area and parents will end up in a postcode lottery for education that may not be as efficacious and with less focus on the students and more on how the council can make more cuts, taking more opportunities away from our children and also causing major job losses to those of us that want to stay and work where we live. There already aren't enough jobs for local people. This will make the situation worse. More people will move out of town because they will have to relocate their families, leaving even fewer children to be educated in the local area. It's just a bad idea all round just because the council want to sell off the building to a property developer to build more ridiculously expensive housing that only 2nd home owners can afford.	6/6/2026 8:52 PM
91	If the school goes then part of the village will die and there will be less incentive for younger people with children to move into the village and the population will age.	6/6/2026 7:22 PM
92	[REDACTED] To close this would be sacrilege and would no doubt end up as a building site for yet more unaffordable housing that true local residents can't afford. Many working class parents in Langton Matravers are on low incomes. The merge of the two schools to St Marks would incur costs to these parents in the form of new uniforms, transport to St Marks where at the moment, many of these parents walk their children to school. So many former pupils, families and true local residents will be heartbroken to see this central village school close. The children walk to St George's church for their end of year, Christmas, Easter and other services. They use the allotments. They have use of a safe Playing field opposite the school. The one issue would be parking but there should be a bus to transport the children who have chosen St George's over The existing 3 primary schools in Swanage to attend the village St George's School. It seems more about saving money than the fact of falling pupil numbers. Who can say that the numbers of births won't increase within the next few years. This is all a completely crazy idea.	6/6/2026 7:18 PM
93	Langton has lost so much, shops and a much loved pub we don't want to loose a thing else, and money spent in the last years would be such a waist and buildings would probably be bought up by some developer as malthouse was.	6/6/2026 6:04 PM
94	St George's school has played a positive part within the village and it would take this vital part of the village. Langton has already lost the local shop and post office.	6/6/2026 5:28 PM
95	It is important to keep a local primary school in Langton Matravers	6/6/2026 5:16 PM
96	Yes will the statics on which you base your decision be available for public scrutiny before a decision is made	6/6/2026 5:15 PM
97	With new properties being built in the area there needs to be enough school places and choice of schools for parents to look at.	6/6/2026 5:08 PM
98	This makes perfect sense in terms of the birth rate falling nationally.	6/6/2026 4:46 PM
99	Please don't close our village School	6/6/2026 4:46 PM
100	We must stop new houses being bought as second or holiday homes. Otherwise there is no hope of building a steady successful local economy, new generations of residents and a sustainable population here.	6/6/2026 4:41 PM
101	To lose a school at the heart of a village would have an impact on the community,the safety of children all going in to one school would have a dire impact on the local roads which already are congested would be made worse with more people driving to the school	6/6/2026 4:28 PM
102	[REDACTED] These children will be our future for the area and planning to crowd children into one setting will not be beneficial. It will also take a huge amount away from Langton!	6/6/2026 4:21 PM

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103	I am angered that the partnership has made so many poor decisions for the education of our children. The figures clearly point to the fact St George's is the better school and the only reason you want to move to St Mark's is for it's building. The core values of the school and it's ethos have been disregarded. The children are an after thought in your decisions and it's clear you don't have their best interest at heart.	6/6/2026 4:06 PM
104	I would like to be able to make suggestions once I have the full information following the planned information sessions.	6/6/2026 4:05 PM
105	Why not put the options that I now see below at the top, so people can answer the survey with come information?	6/6/2026 3:32 PM
106	I am concerned that proposed house planning in the local area may also bring additional requirements for school places. If we lose the school it will never return to the village. The village would lose it's heart, and knock on effects would likely be felt to other youth organisations such as Rainbows, Brownies and Scouts.	6/6/2026 2:21 PM
107	[REDACTED]. Parking for teachers is not a huge problem as there is ample roadside parking along the road in front of school, and opposite school [REDACTED] – due to the time that teachers arrive at school this is always available. We treasure the mixed age classes as this offers the children such diversity and creates empathy for children of all ages –the children all play together at break times rather than being silo'd within their own age group. The field and playground is for sole use of the school during school hours. But the fact that it is not directly on school grounds (playgrounds on school grounds often mean that children are not allowed to use then outside school hours) means that it becomes a hub of community. Families congregate on the field / playground after school, where children play and parents connect and build relationships. [REDACTED] [REDACTED], I really welcome the opportunities to access the local church through the many festivals and celebrations the children engage in – with the whole school in attendance even down to the youngest children in pre-school. We all walk to the church. Parents and grandparents congregate with the children. [REDACTED] [REDACTED]. Likewise, the children clearly benefit the church in bringing their youthful joy, their singing, their energy – there is a visceral energy that the children bring to the church that I'm certain will be irreplaceable. There's the saying, you don't know what you've got until its gone. [REDACTED] [REDACTED] Maybe it's selfish to have it this good. But at the same time, why would you close a school that has proved to be so successful and transformative for young children. To think that you can recreate this down the road is missing the point. Yes you can move the teachers, who are amazing and a huge part of the success of the school, but you can't recreate the strength of community and togetherness that exists here in Langton.	6/6/2026 1:22 PM
108	Although sad to see the village school go it is just not sustainable and the site is too small for st marks to go to	6/6/2026 11:57 AM
109	St Marks is an amazing school with lots of open spaces and great teaching staff. I believe merging the school due to falling pupil numbers is a productive idea as pupils will be in single year groups rather than mixed year groups. The site of st marks can provide more opportunities for pupils and expansion if needed.	6/6/2026 10:52 AM
110	This is obviously a paper exercise not taking into account the huge damage to local communities. Perhaps a HUGE DROP IN SALARIES FOR ALL THOSE AT THE TOP, WOULD HELP.	6/6/2026 9:56 AM
111	[REDACTED] [REDACTED] I have seen no benefits whatsoever since the takeover. Resources are limited, funding is limited, food is now being brought from outside of the area despite several local providers who are known to offer excellent school meals. The issue here is not falling numbers, it's the wider issue that Swanage and its surrounding areas are quickly falling victim to holiday homes and Airbnb's. Local families are being pushed out of the area, for many the only option to remain is social housing but it's easier to win the lottery! If CLP cares about their pupils, start taking an interest in the community in which three of your schools reside - talk to the families, work together. Be more than a corporation ticking the relevant boxes	6/6/2026 2:15 AM
112	Good luck	6/5/2026 9:31 PM

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113	It is vital to have the right education to the children of the area.	6/5/2026 8:38 PM
114	[REDACTED] [REDACTED]. I would absolutely love the thought of being able to send my children to this school in the future and knowing that they will be cared and valued as individuals, not just from the school staff but from the whole village community.	6/5/2026 8:35 PM
115	Will transport be provided for students being forced out of a school they are currently able to commute to?	6/5/2026 8:13 PM
116	The closure of St George's would be devastating to the local community, already decimated by the closure of local amenities, such as our shops. Langton Matravers risks becoming a further extension of second home residences like Worth- with no community. The history and heritage of farming, quarrying & mining communities lost. The church, village residence & future depend on young people being educated here. Closing the school and merging the education sites would have a significant detrimental affect on the mental health of the young people who depend on the safety & security that St George's provides.	6/5/2026 6:04 PM
117	st George's school has a very special place in my heart. [REDACTED] [REDACTED]. [REDACTED] please don't close st George's.	6/5/2026 2:24 PM
118	The timeline of this needs to be urgently reviewed. To close a school hundreds of years old in a matter of weeks is appalling.	6/5/2026 12:48 PM
119	I fear people will make a decision on the future of the school with their hearts not head. It's sad that a primary school needs to close but the future of the education of our children is so much more important long term. Having 2 schools struggling for numbers seems counterproductive when moving them together solves that issue.	6/5/2026 7:53 AM
120	[REDACTED] But my concerns are much stronger for the village, the local community and the kids who will come after. It has been a great experience being part of a local village community and this merger will fundamentally destroy that community. Without the school, Langton risks becoming a ghost village like church knowle or eorth	6/5/2026 7:29 AM
121	As there will be more staff and children if a merge took place, will it mean classes will be taught in single year groups?	6/4/2026 7:37 PM
122	[REDACTED]	6/4/2026 6:08 PM
123	Question eight States that numbers must continue To fall Students used to come From Corfe And the surroundings If you became an outstanding School your numbers will begin to rise. If you were a school seen to meet the needs of your children well in a small setting I'm sure many parents would want to send their child to you?	6/4/2026 5:11 PM
124	Firstly I feel that the reasons behind the proposed closure of St George's is unjust. Historically the school being that it is a village school has always had lower students numbers than other neighbouring local schools. From an educational perspective there are a number of advantages to having smaller classes but on the down side less funding. I believe that selling the school out into the partnership has been a bad move for St George's as the school now have to endure the ups and downs of a partnership rather than being an independent school where they are in control of their objectives and structure and budget, the school was first opened in 1872 and has been going strong since. Wouldn't you say that it's a coincidence that the school barely lasts two years after joining the partnership. I don't believe that the Partnership from Bournemouth may I add has the best interests of the students the village the church (as it is a Christian school) or the community. I'm highly suspicious that the partnership has already made up its mind on the closure of the school and that the consultation is just a mere formality. I'm also suspicious of the mass development that's engulfed St George's wouldn't you say the school once closed would be prime development grounds for the developers? Secondly I believe the school needs to adapt and tailor its learning model to suit a smaller year group isn't that any school's objective to put the needs of the students learning first? Although I appreciate this is hard for any school to perform being wholly tied to a partnership. I also believe that the school can do more to encourage parents to send their children here. Stand up advertise your fantastic school stand up be proud of it get the schools name out there write an article in the	6/4/2026 4:09 PM

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local paper in fact dedicate a media spread in the local advertiser and local magazines as to why you as a partnership love St George's, why staff love working there and how the students love going to the school capture the parent ordinance! It all seems pretty lame at present.... With the same excuse a decline in student numbers, with no apparent effort to save the school. Which brings me onto one of my biggest disappointments... Why tell parents of the proposed closure after they have chosen their child's placement! It would have been polite to give parents a heads up so they could properly consider their choices as I'm sure the news would have helped parents make a more informed choice... it just seems very tactful and quite frankly quite off and unprofessional. I would like to add the town and the village love St George's the parents and the students love St George's.. please help us as teachers of the school fight this closure and save what you have strived to intrill in all students past and present... I also get the vibe that there appears to be a constant excuse that the school needs to be closed due to falling numbers it's begging to sound like a worn out sales pitch... adapt provide parents with and children with a service based on what you have. Also I would like to add that as the current head teacher is also the head of both schools it's only natural for the schools to sway towards a merger. I believe this is also putting students and parents at an unfair disadvantage if the schools had separate head teachers I don't believe the school would even consider a merger and that each school would work with what they had to make it work. Just because student numbers have fallen over the last couple of years doesn't mean they will I the next two years. Also with regards to the consultation.. "Consultation on a proposal to secure a high-quality primary education experience for the children of Langton Matravers, Herston, Swanage and surrounding villages for years to come" The way this is titled would suggest that it's trying to sell something that is no where as good as reality. St George's is already a high- quality primary education experience... Sorry you're just not cutting it! Thank you for taking the time to read my comments. I really do not think the parents of the school and the local community are going to let this slide.

125	Parking is very bad at both locations, especially Langton as the road is small and often gets blocked. School run times are very difficult and moving both schools to Langton would be an absolute nightmare.	6/4/2026 3:06 PM
126	 A new head teacher was appointed, entirely unfit for the job. Parents were desperate, some removing pupils, others trying to get extra tuition. The Church was involved with the then vicar contacting parents. The numbers of pupils dropped to such a level that closure looked inevitable. It was parents, who fought to gain control, such was the desperation. It was believed that the minister for education was involved, the head teacher replaced and trust regained. It took a very long time to build the school back up. We did it, parents, teachers and the church. Please do not underestimate the power of the people. We do want to lose our last village school.	6/4/2026 1:20 AM
127	I do not agree in any way with your consultation. It is not being presented fairly and I have no trust in the process.	6/3/2026 9:54 PM
128	I will take this further in due course	6/3/2026 9:48 PM
129	 I know that times have changed, but I feel that this closure will definitely affect the village, including the church which is used by the school also.	6/3/2026 7:41 PM
130	It must've been really hard to come to this decision and I am sorry for all the staff as well. The school has had such amazing reviews from friends and family (as well as officially/ofsted) . Especially to be so local and to be able to walk to school . I imagine it has, but I really hope that every possible avenue has been explored to try to keep the sites as they are. If there is any fund raising or similar solution to be involved with, I would be happy to volunteer.	6/3/2026 6:24 PM
131	I will be meeting with Mrs Astle to take a look at St Marks but will do my upmost to secure the future of St George's. Something we was promised when the school joined CLP, this appears to have gone out the window.	6/3/2026 4:25 PM
132	This is appalling for the residents of Langton Matravers. Village schools have always been smaller and birth rates fluctuate. More should be done to encourage families back to the area - whilst this isn't something your academy can achieve. You can do the right thing by	6/3/2026 12:30 PM

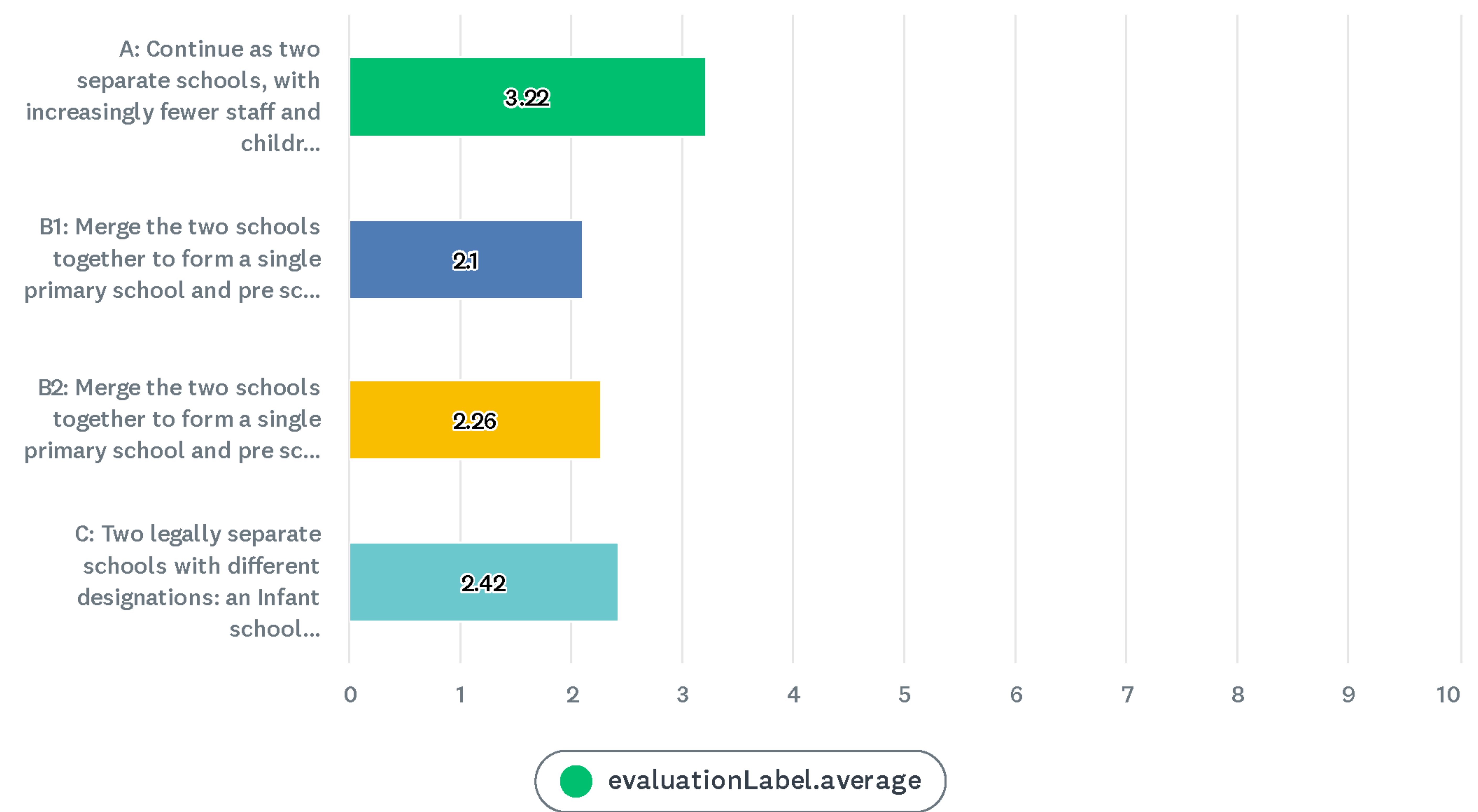
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reducing your school stock and letting schools return to DC ownership. How much does the chief exec of your organisation and various heads of learning earn? You do not have any respect or appreciation for the local community. Every effort should be made to keep a primary school in Langton.

133	Smaller schools can offer a more nurturing environment where children feel known, supported, and valued as individuals. • Many parents actively choose smaller schools because they provide calmer classrooms and stronger relationships between families and staff. • Merging schools may solve short-term financial pressures but could create long-term challenges around overcrowding and reduced personal attention for pupils. • I believe more creativity and investment should be considered before deciding to close or merge a school.	6/3/2026 7:43 AM
134	The idea to merge the schools and site them at St Mark's may look good on a spreadsheet (yes St Mark's is the bigger site) but in practice, the St George's parents will vote with their feet and go elsewhere. Forcing through the plan will be a disaster for all concerned	6/3/2026 1:53 AM
135	I completed this form earlier today, when I first heard about the announcement and was feeling a little more positive, [REDACTED] [REDACTED] As you will see from my comments on previous pages, I am now not feeling very positive at all! Closing this high performing school, loved by children and parents alike, will have a huge impact on the families of Langton Matravers, Acton and Worth Matravers.	6/2/2026 8:17 PM
136	This is going to be detrimental to the future of Langton Matravers !!! We as a family are devastated We also Believe this was already decided last year when the decision of 1 head to 2 schools was proposed	6/2/2026 3:44 PM
137	I understand the challenges outlined in the consultation, particularly around falling pupil numbers and financial pressures. However, the proposal as presented relies heavily on projections and assumptions for which detailed supporting data has not yet been provided. Before any significant decision is made that would permanently alter local education provision and the community, it is essential that parents are given clear, transparent, and evidence-based information. This includes robust historic data, fully explained forecasting methodology, and a clear rationale for why this course of action is being proposed at this time. The potential closure of a local school and the impact on children, families, and the wider community is substantial. It is therefore critical that all evidence is openly shared and that alternative options have been fully explored and demonstrated to be unviable. At present, I do not feel that sufficient evidence has been provided to justify such a significant and irreversible change. I would urge the Trust to ensure full transparency and to carefully consider the views and concerns of families before proceeding further.	6/2/2026 2:18 PM
138	Unfair on village children. I would also mention that new low cost houses are proposed for Harmans Cross hopefully raising school numbers.	6/2/2026 2:03 PM
139	Education should not be solely about money.	6/2/2026 12:40 PM

Q9 311 responses

The consultation paper sets out the four options that have been considered so far to meet the challenge of falling pupil numbers. Please put these four options in order, from your most preferred to your least preferred. Those options are:



	1	2	3	4	Total	Weighted ...
A: Continue as two separate schools, with increasingly fewer staff and children as pupil numbers continue to get lower.	56.59% 176	19.94% 62	12.54% 39	10.93% 34	311	3.22
B1: Merge the two schools together to form a single primary school and pre school on the existing St. Mark's site.	19.61% 61	14.15% 44	22.51% 70	43.73% 136	311	2.10
B2: Merge the two schools together to form a single primary school and pre school on the existing St. George's site.	11.58% 36	26.37% 82	38.59% 120	23.47% 73	311	2.26
C: Two legally separate schools with different designations: an Infant school on one site and a Junior school on the other.	12.22% 38	39.55% 123	26.37% 82	21.86% 68	311	2.42
					1244	2.50

Q10 If you wish, please comment on why you have ranked the options in this way.

Answered: 104 Skipped: 388

#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	The most important thing to me is that the site of the current St George's school continues to be used for education in some way. If your system allowed I would rank options A, B1 and B2 equally, since only option C involves the ongoing use of the site for education.	6/17/2026 3:48 PM
2	Look at the reality now. If either of the schools can survive, it's St George's, with it's USP of rural village life, a great history in the village, support from the quarry families etc. The wider context of the village of Langton should be taken into account in any proposal to change the school. Recent work has modernised the school site too. What a waste of it's closed.	6/17/2026 11:14 AM
3	I have ranked the options in this way because I believe the first priority should be preserving village education in Langton Matravers while the evidence behind the proposal is properly scrutinised. I have ranked Option A first because, although I recognise the financial and organisational challenges of falling pupil numbers, it is the only option that keeps both schools open and avoids an irreversible decision at this stage. I do not accept that closure or removal of St George’s from Langton should proceed before the full pupil forecasts, housing assumptions, Dorset Local Plan implications, financial modelling and community impact have been properly published and reviewed. I have ranked Option B2 second because, if a merger were considered unavoidable, retaining education on the St George’s site would at least preserve a village school in Langton Matravers and protect the community from the complete loss of its school. I have ranked Option C third because it would keep both sites in educational use, but I am concerned it could create an awkward split between infant and junior provision, separate siblings, complicate family logistics and still fail to provide a stable long-term solution. I have ranked Option B1 last because it would remove St George’s from Langton Matravers altogether. This would be a permanent loss to the village, with consequences for current pupils, future families, community identity, transport, local sustainability and the future of the school site. I do not believe such an irreversible decision should be made while housing developments have not yet been factored into the forecasts and before the Dorset Local Plan position is finalised.	6/16/2026 7:45 PM
4	The best option is B1 - the other options would be difficult to operate and be very detrimental to the quality of education for the children in the long term	6/16/2026 4:50 PM
5	These are not the only options.	6/16/2026 3:50 PM
6	Please consider the potential changes to housing in this area	6/16/2026 12:34 PM
7	I do not support option 2,3 and 4. These are pre nudge options, the inclusion of which could lead to a warped and incorrection review of what local people really need and want.	6/16/2026 10:30 AM
8	St George’s site is less optimal. The site at St Mark’s is safer and better designed. Merging at St Mark’s means there could be separate year classes, in theory, for every year group. This would not be possible at St George’s.	6/15/2026 7:56 PM
9	I don’t agree with the way you have premised the first option.	6/15/2026 10:23 AM
10	i refuse to rank the options because they are incorrect	6/15/2026 9:42 AM
11	St George school has a better offsted rating, I am sure that some of the kids will go to St George from st marks but others woud travel to st Mary's, capacity as we know is already a lot higher than st marks. I think you have under estimated the community anger this idea of yours has created, parents will not automatically send there kids to st marks as you are predicting- parents in the whole that I speak to would rather home school or send them to any other school than st marks a lot are put off by its offsed rating	6/14/2026 11:41 PM
12	Because everybody needs options	6/14/2026 11:52 AM
13	3 and 4 will not work as options longer term. Option 2 might work in some way, if there was some sort of AP or SEN satellite that the LA fully supported and funding was correct.	6/14/2026 11:39 AM
14		6/13/2026 9:27 PM

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15	The most realistic option is to merge both schools onto the St Marks site due to its large grounds and facilities. Keeping both schools open as primary schools only serves to denigrate the standards of education in both schools as several year groups will be taught together. Having one primary, one junior school will mean that parents may end up with children in separate schools. Not all St Marks parents drive so would not be able to get to Langton easily. St George's site is not as large as St Marks and pupils need to cross the road to access the playing field.	6/12/2026 9:25 PM
16	I do not necessarily agree with any of these. I do not have enough information to make a precise decision.	6/12/2026 8:58 PM
17	I feel that not having mixed aged teaching is more beneficial for the children and the staff	6/12/2026 7:56 PM
18	Making one school on a safer ground with more opportunities makes sense	6/12/2026 4:33 PM
19	NB the way you have written these statements is loaded - particularly A, as it is making assumptions about the future based on potentially unreliable data (i.e. have you taken into account new housing developments and numbers of children moving into them with young families that might attend the schools?) As I have to rank them I have put merging the two schools on St George's site first. My reason for this is that I honestly don't think parents who would normally send their children to St George's will do so, and you will lose even more pupils. Parents will vote with their feet if they are not happy - they won't want to move their children from a highly performing school to one that is doing less well academically. I would suggest merging the schools at St George's (many pupils already make the journey from Swanage to St George's) and focus St Mark's as an SEND hub - as it is the school with by far the highest SEND needs. I support keeping a primary facility at St Mark's as I recognise it serves an area of disadvantage, but it would make an excellent base for SEND needs to be met if approached carefully. This would link to CLP's vision to continue to improve learning in the area.	6/12/2026 1:50 PM
20	Langton needs to keep its school. It is the heart of the village	6/12/2026 1:47 PM
21	loss of the St George's School site as a school would undoubtedly lead to more residential housing on the site which not only would be detrimental to village life (increasing the already heavy housing vs low amenities ratio) but would be counter-intuitive as more residents would then need more schools and there would be difficulty in finding places.	6/12/2026 12:03 PM
22	I don't agree with option 4 at all but am forced to rank it. It isn't my 4th option by any means.	6/12/2026 10:02 AM
23	Smaller settings are always preferable to larger settings as pupils' wellbeing is better, student-staff relationships are better connected and the ratio and consequently the teaching time as a calculation of numbers of minutes per hour of 1:1 equivalent access is greater. Better staffing ratios allow for better SEND management and with the newly released white paper, this must be a priority concern for the trust.	6/11/2026 11:02 PM
24	I couldn't answer it as I don't understand as to whether or not infants and junior are the same as pre-school and primary.	6/11/2026 9:56 PM
25	St Mark's is a good facility and has space for large numbers. However, it is a failing school on the edge of town, with little or no sense of history or community. It will not survive long term as Swanage residents have consistently voted to avoid it where possible.	6/11/2026 6:32 PM
26	It's important to have a school in Langton - it's a part of the community.	6/11/2026 1:05 PM
27	As suggested above, a local funding appeal could prevent the loss of teaching staff. I don't know the buildings well enough to choose between B1 and B2; and the practicalities, legalities, and politics of splitting the schools according to age sound daunting	6/11/2026 12:19 PM
28	I don't agree with the last two options 3 and 4 at all. If there really is no other option than the closure of St George's as is being proposed then option 1 seems the most sensible, however, option 2 which is keeping them as they are would mean that the infrastructure is still in place for when there is growth in numbers.	6/11/2026 10:05 AM
29	It's very important to the whole village that the school stays in the village	6/11/2026 3:26 AM
30	Small schools can be excellent schools; I can't comment on the relative merits of the St Mark's or St George's sites; splitting infants and juniors creates a logistical for parents with children at both schools, and makes it difficult to provide the children with a rounded educational experience, learning with and from different age-groups, particularly in the arts.	6/10/2026 10:42 PM
31	As per previous comments.	6/10/2026 10:13 PM
32	Keeping both schools open is the only acceptable option. Share teacher expertise and get	6/10/2026 9:06 PM

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parents to help.

33	The selection is the best opportunity for all local sustainability communities and in particular the Langton Matravers village and surrounding area. It is also pivotal to ensure that the other components of a sustainable community remain e.g public transport connections.	6/10/2026 6:15 PM
34	Options 3 and 4 would not work.	6/10/2026 3:48 PM
35	St. George's is a village school whereas St. Mark's is neither Herston or Swanage.	6/10/2026 2:43 PM
36	Losing the school in Langton will destroy the village, making it no more than a retirement and holiday cul-de-sac. The larger implications of undermining the whole community will have a profound effect on the children and their education. More affordable family housing is planned for Langton, while very little is likely to emerge in Swanage. Swanage is already well served with two primary schools	6/10/2026 2:38 PM
37	I think it is crazy that there isn't the money to employ the teachers even for small class sizes. After all we all know that smaller class sizes make for better learning with pupils getting more attention. Such a shame we live in a world where money has to decide quality of life/education. Feels very wrong. What do we pay our taxes for? Such waste in Government.	6/10/2026 1:50 PM
38	St George's is the heart and soul of the village and it would be devastating if it were to close and yet more empty buildings. Another nail in the coffin for Langton !	6/10/2026 12:31 PM
39	The school in Langton is central to the local community. We are trying to protect our villages from dying and becoming ghost villages with no heart or soul. The children are our future for village life. We lost our village shop a few years ago we don't want to lose anymore community services.	6/10/2026 11:08 AM
40	This survey was clearly composed by CLP	6/10/2026 5:49 AM
41	I ranked the options based on what I believe would be lost, as well as what might be gained. [REDACTED] I place great value on St George's being part of the village it serves. [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED] I recognise that difficult decisions may need to be made in response to falling pupil numbers. However, where possible, I would prefer solutions that retain a school within the village and preserve the role it plays in community life for current and future generations.	6/9/2026 5:37 PM
42	This is the only option in my mind. If pupil numbers increase, St Marks can accommodate with no extra cost. You can't compared the facilities, fully enclosed playing fields which the public can not access. St George's have a playing field across the road but this is accessed by the public out of school hours. This presents concerns re dog fouling, items being left my the public I.e glass	6/9/2026 2:02 PM
43	Practicality and optimisation of space and resources.	6/9/2026 1:52 PM
44	Thank you for providing the opportunity to rank the four options here. However, a merger is the only truly viable option and, looked at objectively, the St Mark's site is by far the best location for this.	6/9/2026 12:40 PM
45	I have opted to 'merge' the two school using the St George's site as there was no option to just close St Mark's and allow families to choose any schools they like in the Purbeck area, irrespective of CLP ownership.	6/9/2026 11:34 AM
46	I have ranked this due to understanding of the problem of funding 2 schools with not enough numbers and also on a personal basis for my son.	6/9/2026 8:37 AM
47	St George's is our first choice.	6/9/2026 7:47 AM
48	I haven't put the options in order because the option of "two sites one school" hasn't been considered and would be my preferred solution; particularly as the high proportion of costs are teachers salaries, rather than school buildings running costs.	6/8/2026 10:47 PM
49	Future child numbers will justify the continued provision of two separate schools on the two existing school sites	6/8/2026 8:30 PM
50	St George's has a catchment of pupils from Harman's Cross, Kingston, Worth Matravers as well as Langton Matravers and is a village, rather than a town school. This is a preference for parents and the village identity should be preserved.	6/8/2026 6:00 PM
51	Makes sense to close the school with lower numbers.	6/8/2026 4:47 PM

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52	I strongly feel the merging should take place, the use of the facilities at St George's as a junior school though is a good idea, especially as access for the smaller kids is safer there than via the main road into Swanage.	6/8/2026 3:13 PM
53	1	6/8/2026 2:47 PM
54	1 is my preferred option.	6/8/2026 2:34 PM
55	4 is not an option for me but I cannot delete it. Langton Matravers must retain a school in the village. It feeds so many villages that no longer have schools, worth Matravers, Acton, Harman's cross etc. There are enough primary schools in Swanage.	6/8/2026 12:54 PM
56	St George's is the only school in that area. Swanage has several other schools available. Childr3n local to each area should be able to attend a school in their own area. Transfer St Marks pupils either to Langton or one of the other Swanage schools according to preference.	6/8/2026 10:46 AM
57	See previous comments.	6/8/2026 10:08 AM
58	To keep a school in the village of Langton Matravers	6/8/2026 10:05 AM
59	Personally I do not feel options A, C or B2 are workable but had to try and rank them under my preferred option B1	6/8/2026 9:38 AM
60	I'm not happy with the options you have given us. There are options that you haven't considered. The reason they are in this order is that at George's school should be left alone	6/8/2026 8:16 AM
61	St George's has the potential to attract more pupils. The Langton Matravers community needs its school. If St George's moves to the existing St Mark's site, it doesn't "merge", it disappears.	6/8/2026 12:05 AM
62	Birth rate is at a low ! This won't always be the way	6/7/2026 10:14 PM
63	The benefits of the pre school alongside st georges school means that children are already known by the primary school teachers, which makes for a very easy transition.	6/7/2026 7:40 PM
64	Maintaining a local school helps a small village.	6/7/2026 1:09 PM
65	The question demanded an a ranked order...the only reason i complied. In my opinion, proposal 1 is the correct response.	6/7/2026 12:51 PM
66	Maintaining the school is important for the existing community	6/7/2026 11:03 AM
67	Continue as two separate schools even if this means pupil numbers get lower as in 1. above.	6/7/2026 9:58 AM
68	The powers that be are assuming that school numbers are going to get lower which does not take into account	6/7/2026 7:47 AM
69	The school at St Georges is new and purpose built which is a shame to loose. The smaller class sizes were what attracted us to the school. This benefited our children and will benefit others. I appreciate the cost involved but rural schools cannot be managed the same as town or city schools as there are significant differences. The public want services in the local community. Evidence shows the benefits to this and the NHS is moving services from hospital to the local community to take advantage of this. Schools are important in community and encourage socialisation, engagement with the local population, transport, and keep rural villages alive.	6/6/2026 10:40 PM
70	This seems to best way to avoid job losses and keep our children's education the priority.	6/6/2026 8:52 PM
71	Nit merged as they are all awful ideas	6/6/2026 7:46 PM
72	Continue as two separate schools even if this means pupil numbers get lower as in 2. above. I would rank the options 2 3 4 1.	6/6/2026 7:22 PM
73	Because the idea of closure of St George's would be sacrilege on so many fronts	6/6/2026 7:18 PM
74	Common sense	6/6/2026 5:01 PM
75	The most sensible and cost effective option given falling numbers	6/6/2026 4:46 PM
76	Top of the list it keeps both schools open	6/6/2026 4:46 PM
77	Because you have not provided the evidence that a continuing reduction in pupil numbers in the future is a certainty. I think this is a narrowly focused argument and there needs to more pro active engagement with other strategic planning departments at DC	6/6/2026 4:41 PM

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78	I am not certain that the St George's site would sufficiently cater for combined numbers. Again, I don't currently have sufficient information to make informed opinions.	6/6/2026 4:05 PM
79	I would like to add another option of operating St George's as a Pre School and First School only (no years 5/6).	6/6/2026 3:59 PM
80	I have ranked in this order as closing the St George's site should not be considered as viable. It seems unintuitive to close a well loved, consistently Good school, with a higher percentage of places filled, and smaller class sizes, in favour of a larger, less popular, less consistently performing school with a larger site to maintain.	6/6/2026 2:21 PM
81	I don't think that closing St George's is the answer. Despite the financial situation and falling birth rates, St George's is a successful school and the centre of a very close-knit community in Langton Matravers. A good school will always attract families - proved by the number of families who have moved to the area so that they can send their child to the school. You should be doing everything possible to keep St George's alive, including talking to Langton Parish Council to work out future potential student growth through affordable housing.	6/6/2026 1:22 PM
82	I think that would be best option. In my opinion.	6/6/2026 12:34 PM
83	It could at the very least be a compromise. But closing one school when the families are so adamant for them to stay open doesn't seem like it's in the interest of the children.	6/6/2026 2:15 AM
84	The schools are the heart of the village. Small numbers in these schools are part of the village life. And a really lovely way was for children to start their early years education such a nurturing environment	6/5/2026 8:41 PM
85	I completely understand the struggle with reduced student and staff population but relocating St George's entirely would take away the heart of the village and would prove detrimental to families in the local area. An alternative option which permits St George's to remain in Langton (perhaps in a contrasting format to its current situation) should most definitely be the priority.	6/5/2026 8:35 PM
86	St Marks as a failing school should be amalgamated with Swanage Primary School.....non denominational... presumably St Mary's as catholic school would not be suitable	6/5/2026 6:44 PM
87	The school in the village is more impactful than another school in Swanage, a bigger town.	6/5/2026 6:23 PM
88	I'm 100% against the closure of St George's. Money was found to rebuild this school during the mistake of making the area 2 tier around 10 years ago-- so there must be money available now to fund this development being used for the purpose it was built for- as a village school.	6/5/2026 6:04 PM
89	The schools need to be separate. It's absolutely ridiculous to have 5 year olds with 7 year olds in the same classes.	6/5/2026 2:29 PM
90	Don't close St George's. This will destroy the village.	6/5/2026 2:24 PM
91	The location/site/ community of St George's and Langton Matravers has so much to offer and is unique compared to any other Swanage school setting.	6/5/2026 12:48 PM
92	. I remember them talking about closing St George's Langton when they were doing consultations for closing middle school. I do think it's sad for the community of Langton to lose their school. Unfortunately it is not sustainable for the long haul and being realistic it's definitely not good for our children and the teachers to be expected to be taught in classes of multiple year groups.	6/5/2026 7:53 AM
93	As said above, I think it's important to keep a school open in Langton.	6/5/2026 7:29 AM
94	Langton is very small and sending more parents and their cars up will cause disruption. However selfishly and honestly, I personally don't want to have to move my kids and travel further.	6/4/2026 8:34 PM
95	It would be nice to save St George's if possible as I know it is very important to the village but if a merge took place, I do not agree it should be at the St. George's site as it's far too small and the village could not cope with extra cars and traffic with no parking available. The school is also too small for all of St Mark's children. St Mark's would also benefit from a designated parking area for parents as it's already overcrowded in the area during school runs, lots of dangerous and illegal parking already near the school.	6/4/2026 7:37 PM
96	St Marks is a much better premises with the space available. When choosing schools the	6/4/2026 7:16 PM

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forest school and playing field was one of the deciding factors. I would ultimately prefer them not to merge I think the mixed small classes are beneficial for the children in certain ways and know that my son is thriving at St marks.

97	NA	6/4/2026 6:45 PM
98	St Marks is purposely built school that can cater for 210 children. Within the grounds of St Marks, the school has substantial playing fields, a playground and a forest school providing children with excellent classroom and outdoor space to learn. There is also substantial parking and plenty of parking across the road from the school for parents to park up and drop off their children. The opposite is at St George's where children have to cross a road to access the playing field/park which is accessible to the public out of school hours. This poses a risk i.e dog fouling or the public leaving items in the field. Is the park used at weekends as a place for teenagers to meet up and drink alcohol. Is the field/park checked before children use it? As you have mentioned in your consultation document, there is no opportunity to expand if and when numbers increase at St George's. With the growing number of houses being built in Swanage, there is the risk that numbers may rise over time. What will happen if St George's becomes the new site as Swanage primary is almost full and there a small amount of availability at St Mary's. I think a bus option for Langton residents is a great option. I know St Mary's provides a bus service which I hear works well.	6/4/2026 6:08 PM
99	This ranking method is fairly lame. it gives the commentators one good option and the other three options are the same just worded differently. Just to note I only agree with option one, the other options do not truly reflect my opinion.	6/4/2026 4:09 PM
100	St Mark's would be the better school to merge to as it has much more space inside and out to potentially accommodate more pupils. Parking could still be a problem with extra traffic and this would need to be looked into as it is a big problem already for local roads. Maybe some of the school field could become parking, which would also help relieve the current problem and not make it worse. I do not agree that St George's site could realistically accommodate all of the pupils from St Mark's.	6/4/2026 3:06 PM
101	i feel bigger classes will make it difficult but I am understanding of concerns for the school and staffing levels so this is a more personal view on why I've ranked staying how the schools are.	6/4/2026 2:44 PM
102	St. George's is valuable to Langton residents for reasons I've already mentioned as well as providing a near by school for local families. The village would be devastated to lose it. Merging the 2 schools at St. Marks would be the better site option, as Langton as a village could not cope with increased school run traffic, as well as the site being much smaller than St. Mark's. Knowing what both schools look like inside, I believe St. George's could feel very over crowded if St. Marks children were to move there. I do not see it as a feasible option. Having 2 seperate Infant and Junior schools could encourage more parents to use St. George's for their younger children. . Having a small infant school and then a larger Junior School would help children prepare for the size of secondary school.	6/4/2026 2:41 PM
103	I feel it of utmost importance to keep the VILLAGE school (Langton Matravers) alive.	6/4/2026 1:05 PM
104	To involve least travelling of children on roads. Fewer children in LM so makes sense	6/4/2026 10:03 AM

Q11 Please provide your name, contact details and, if relevant, the organisation that you represent. (optional)

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Contact details:	94.33%	233
Organisation (if relevant):	13.77%	34

