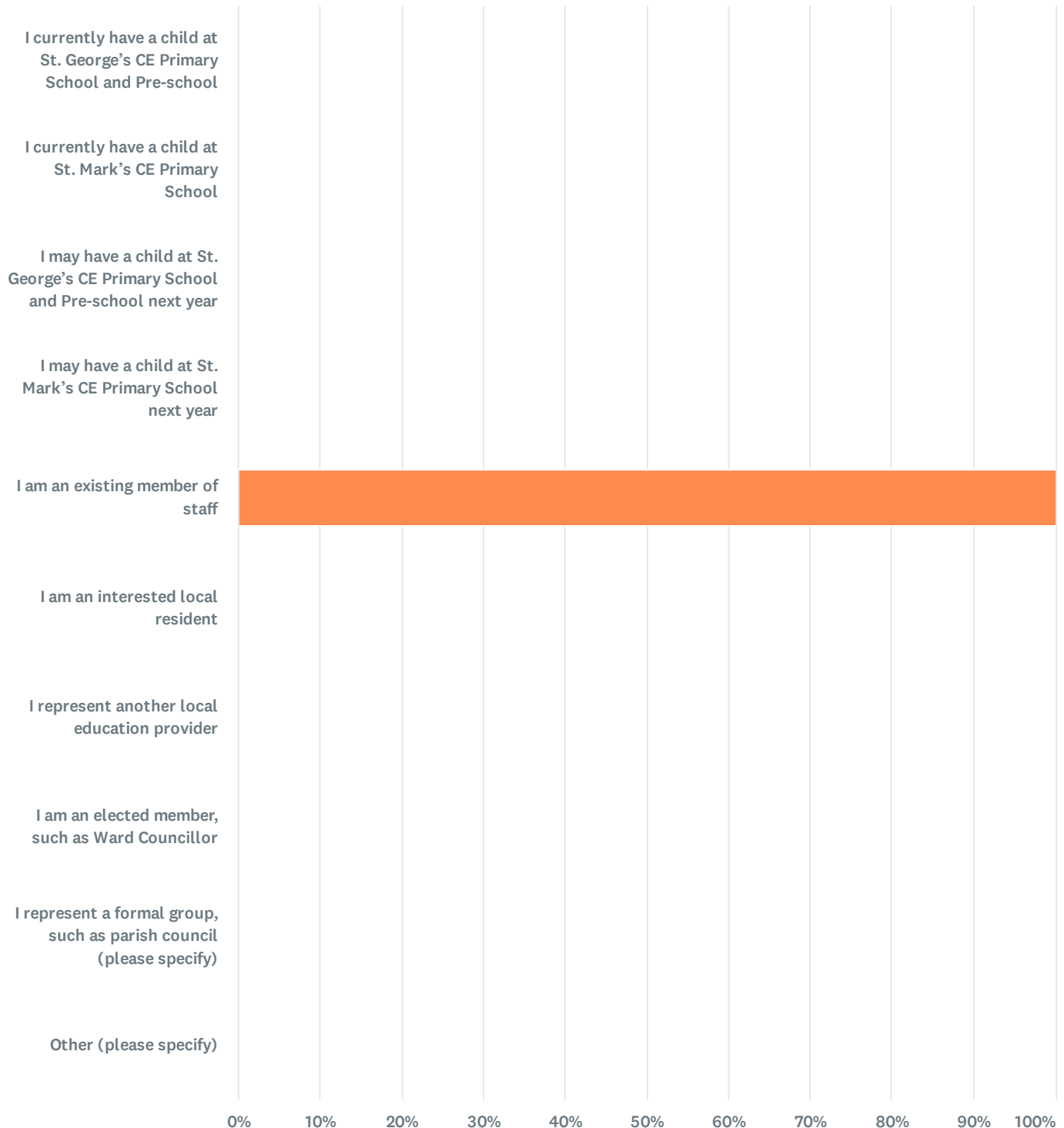


Q1 24 responses

Category of respondent (please select one which best represents the capacity in which you are responding):



Answer Choices

Percentage

Responses

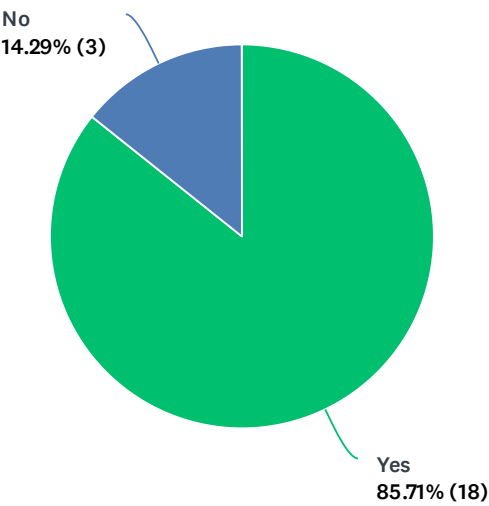
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Answer Choices	Percentage	Responses
 I currently have a child at St. George's CE Primary School and Pre-school	0%	0
 I currently have a child at St. Mark's CE Primary School	0%	0
 I may have a child at St. George's CE Primary School and Pre-school next year	0%	0
 I may have a child at St. Mark's CE Primary School next year	0%	0
 I am an existing member of staff	100.00%	24
 I am an interested local resident	0%	0
 I represent another local education provider	0%	0
 I am an elected member, such as Ward Councillor	0%	0
 I represent a formal group, such as parish council (please specify)	0%	0
 Other (please specify)	0%	0
Total		24

#	OTHER (PLEASE SPECIFY)	DATE
	There are no responses.	

Q2 21 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?

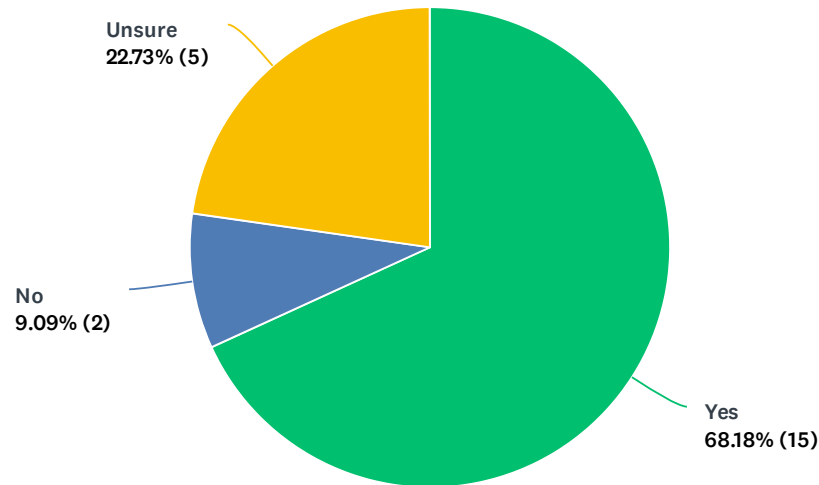


Answer Choices	Percentage	Responses
Yes	85.71%	18
No	14.29%	3
Total		21

#	PLEASE FEEL FREE TO COMMENT FURTHER:	DATE
	There are no responses.	

Q3 22 responses

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	68.18%	15
● No	9.09%	2
● Unsure	22.73%	5
Total		22

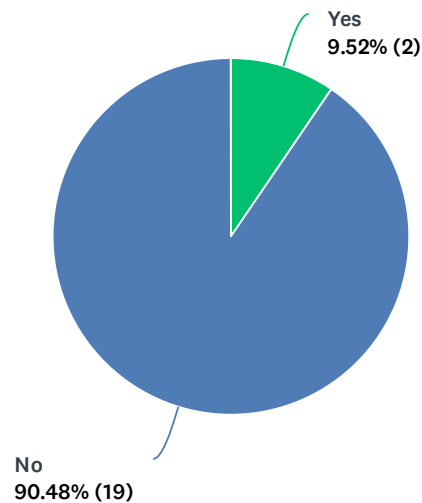
#	PLEASE FEEL FREE TO COMMENT FURTHER:	DATE
1	It makes sense to do this, but St George's families are concerned that they will lose their village school ethos and chose the school based upon this fact and the small class sizes that they wanted for their children. They are feelings uneasy about their 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
2	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
3	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 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.	6/9/2026 12:36 PM

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4	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
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Q4 21 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	9.52%	2
No	90.48%	19
Total		21

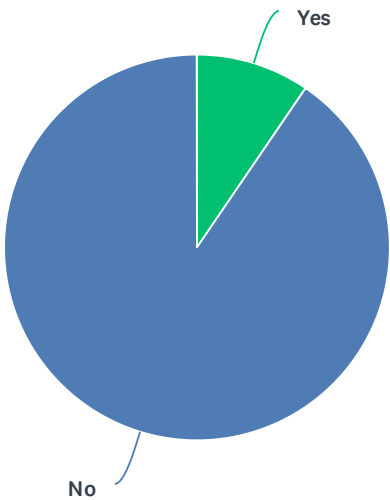
Q5 Please describe your alternative suggestion:

Answered: 2 Skipped: 22

#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	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
2	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

Q6 21 responses

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



Answer Choices	Percentage	Responses
Yes	9.52%	2
No	90.48%	19
Total		21

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

Answered: 2 Skipped: 22

ANSWER CHOICES		RESPONSES
Question 1		100.00% 2
Question 2		100.00% 2
Question 3		100.00% 2
Question 4		100.00% 2
Question 5		0.00% 0

#	QUESTION 1	DATE
1	Will existing contracted hours be protected?	6/4/2026 4:56 PM
2	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

#	QUESTION 2	DATE
1	How much notice would staff receive before any role change takes effect?	6/4/2026 4:56 PM
2	Will a dedicated budget be allocated for marketing and outreach to retain current students and attract new enrollments?	6/2/2026 7:25 PM

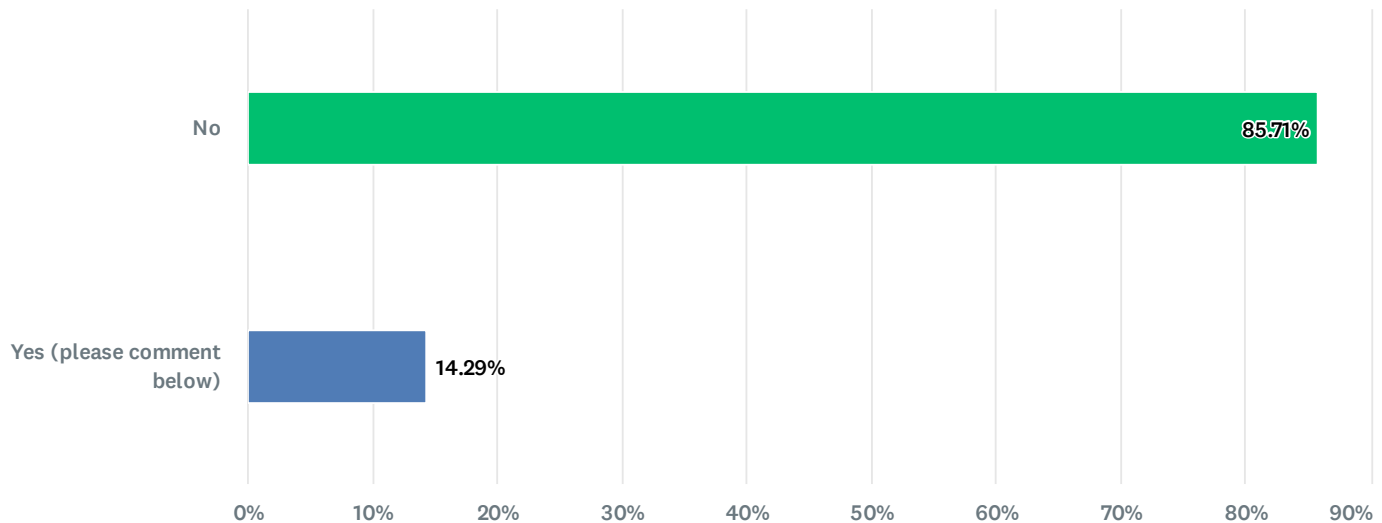
#	QUESTION 3	DATE
1	Will HLTA hours reduce?	6/4/2026 4:56 PM
2	What is the exact timeline for consulting staff on their new roles or responsibilities?	6/2/2026 7:25 PM

#	QUESTION 4	DATE
1	Will year-group teams and support staff teams have time to work together before the merger takes place?	6/4/2026 4:56 PM
2	Where is the funding for the transition coming from, and will classroom resources be protected?	6/2/2026 7:25 PM

#	QUESTION 5	DATE
	There are no responses.	

Q8 14 responses

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



Answer Choices	Percentage	Responses
☒ No	85.71%	12
☐ Yes (please comment below)	14.29%	2
Total		14

#	YES (PLEASE COMMENT BELOW)	DATE
1	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. [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED] 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. [REDACTED] [REDACTED] 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

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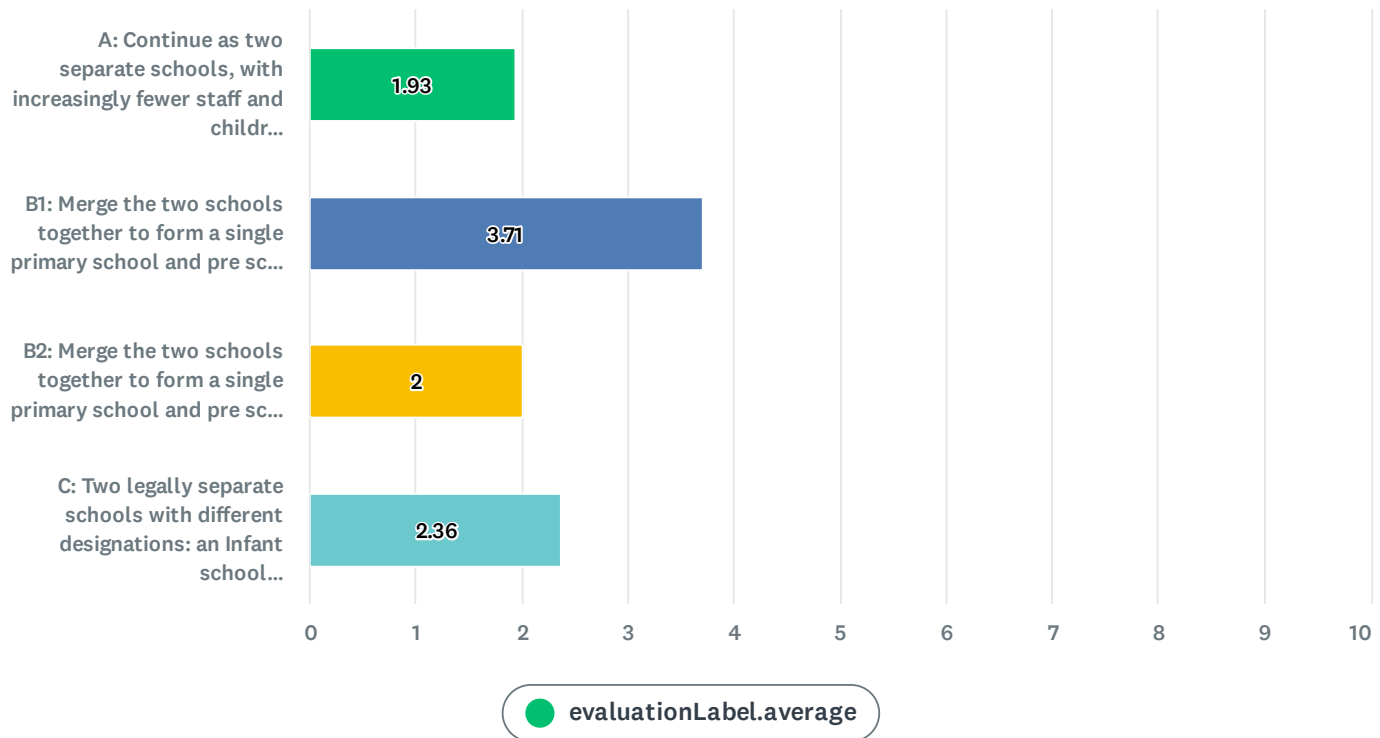
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The current St Mark's Primary School site, with its modern spacious teaching facilities and eight acres of outdoor space, is so obviously the best location for a genuinely aspirational and first class merged school. It would provide the best long-term 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

Q9 14 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.	7.14% 1	21.43% 3	28.57% 4	42.86% 6	14	1.93
B1: Merge the two schools together to form a single primary school and pre school on the existing St. Mark's site.	85.71% 12	7.14% 1	0% 0	7.14% 1	14	3.71
B2: Merge the two schools together to form a single primary school and pre school on the existing St. George's site.	0% 0	28.57% 4	42.86% 6	28.57% 4	14	2.00
C: Two legally separate schools with different designations: an Infant school on one site and a Junior school on the other.	7.14% 1	42.86% 6	28.57% 4	21.43% 3	14	2.36
					56	2.50

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

Answered: 4 Skipped: 20

#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	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
2	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
3	I feel that not having mixed aged teaching is more beneficial for the children and the staff	6/12/2026 7:56 PM
4	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

