

School Org: Consultation Results: Skills School Stat-Con summary

Summary Table

Total number of responses:	20
Number in favour or against the proposal:	
In favour	1
Against	19
Don't know	0
Not indicated	0
Method of response:	
BeHeard (website)	16
Email	4
Letter	0
Respondent by type:	
Pupil	5
Parent	5
School Governor	0
School Staff Member	7*
Local Resident	0
Local Councillor	1
Member of Parliament	1
Other, please specify	1
Comment themes: (counted per mention of total responses*);	Result
Respite benefits pupils and families	18/20
Concerns regarding removal of an important respite service (without replacement)	7/20
Much confidence in staff	7/20
Dispute that condition of buildings is a reason for closure (*a)	6/20
Highlight that OFSTED rating of Inadequate is for school. Boarding provision received an OFSTED rating of requires improvement in separate inspection. (*b)	6/20
Staff dispute that there are no boarding pupils and maintain that pupils receiving respite <u>are</u> boarding pupils.(*c)	5/20
Concerns regarding staff consultations and future roles	4/20
Concerns about consultation document and process	4/20
Concerns that closure is due to lack of funding	3/20
Claims that financial deficit is due to other factors	3/20
Makes sense to remove the boarding provision if there are no boarding pupils	1/20
Alternative respite provision required	1/20

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***Analyst Notes:**

Of the 7 staff member responses, one was a type of petition signed by 33 members of staff.

Comment themes method - example: Of a total of 10 responses, if 3 responses mention traffic concerns the result is: 3/10. If the same 3 people mention parking and 3 others mentions parking the result is: 6/10.

(*a): A recent condition survey of Skilts School has identified major structural concerns with the residential buildings which will require considerable investment to rectify.

(*b): Skilts School received an OFSTED judgement of "inadequate" following an inspection on 5th-7th December 2017. The school has had two monitoring inspections since this inspection. Ofsted also inspected the school's boarding provision on 5th December 2017; this social care inspection was carried out under the Children's Act 1989 amended by the Care standards Act 2000. The boarding provision was judged as requiring "improvement" and a further inspection of the boarding provision was carried out on 18th September 2018 and the judgement remained as "requiring improvement". The overall judgement of the school remains "inadequate".

(*c): A large number of the responses to this consultation refer to pupils being residential pupils. There are currently no pupils with a statement of need or an Education and Health Care Plan that states they require a residential or boarding place. The pupils at the Skilts School who have been staying in the residential unit have been receiving respite care. Three pupils will still be on roll at the school should the proposal to discontinue the boarding provision be approved. The school has made Children's Advice & Support Service (CASS) referrals for two of the families who have agreed to a full assessment. The remaining family declined the support and the offer to engage with CASS.