

# Halsnead Primary School

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Dear all,

We wanted to write to you all about our proposal to change the name of our school.

Firstly, thank you for all your comments, letters and feedback over the last few days. Whatever your views, it has been truly heartening to see the regard in which the school is increasingly being held.

As it stands, nearly 80% of you support the move to change the name. Over 90% of staff also would also like to see a change, and all of the children who have signed our survey, albeit a relatively small number, would prefer the school to have a new identity.

This view is clearly not, however, mirrored in the wider community where less than a third of a significant number of people are supportive. Our former pupils, former parents and our local residents are an important part of our family too.

We have been genuinely overwhelmed by the support you have shown us, but the reality is that we want to unite and support our community – not divide it. The purpose of the new name was to help reset expectations and excite people about our future.

The threat of protests on the school gates at the start and end of the school day are not what we want for our children, staff or you.

As a result, we are not going to proceed with changing the name of the school. We will, however, continue with the plans we are implementing to ensure that our school is in the best possible position to support children for the world that awaits them in the future.

Given that our staff, parents and children are so keen for us to mark the fact that they are part of a new era for the school, it is likely that we will continue to look at evolving other elements of the identity of the school over the coming months too.

Your support has been incredible. We really do appreciate it.

Miss Taylor  
Headteacher