

Appendix 3: Responses From Pupils

Pupils Responses from those in favour of the Proposal

Pupils were asked: "How do you feel about the suggested closure of Blackness Primary School? What I Like about it":

"The pupils in Blackness Primary School will have larger PE, extracurricular activities, outdoor learning and music. They will love more students in their class which means more opportunities to make new pals. It's weight off of Mrs Veroni, Mrs McGuire and Mr Barnett's back" (Grange Pupil)

"That they will make friends in Grange" (Grange Pupil)

"It will save a lot of money. They can make new friends. They will have more opportunities for learning sports. They can plat at a big environment" (Grange Pupil)

"I think it would help the students get along with more kids their age. I also think it should be done as only 16 pupils go there." (Grange Pupil)

"I like that if we close the school, we would have more recent pupils and I could make friends with them" (Grange Pupil)

"I don't really care about Blackness" (Grange Pupil)

"that we might meet new friends" (Grange Pupil)

"I like that it's getting shut down they will get more opportunities to learn" (Grange Pupil)

"If they close the school the council won't have to pay for the school and might give it to other schools or build things like Zetland park track" (Grange Pupil)

"When they come here they're really calm plus they are all young and calm like I'm not going to lie they are far away and yeah they seem nice" (Grange Pupil)

"I like that it's going to save the council some money" (Grange Pupil)

"I like that the council will save a lot of money" (Grange Pupil)

"There will be new people and the council will save money" (Grange Pupil)

"I can have new friends and get to know them" (Grange Pupil)

"I might get a change to make a new friend and might get Mr Burnett" (Grange Pupil)

"We can all be friends" (Grange Pupil)

"I like it because I'll get to meet new people and make new friends. Also new pupils will get to work with kids of their own age" (Grange Pupil)

"I might make new friends and pupils will get better education" (Grange Pupil)

"Because they can experience a bigger school and can have more friends" (Grange Pupil)

"I don't like anything about closing Blackness" (Grange Pupil)

"You can get more friends and experience new people" (Grange Pupil)

"New pupils in our school" (Grange Pupil)

"We will have new people in our school to make more friends" (Grange Pupil)

"We will get to meet new friends" (Grange Pupil)

"I think it's fair closing Blackness because there is not many people there" (Grange Pupil)

"I like that they're going to close the school down (maybe) because there is no point of keeping it open" (Grange Pupil)

"I like it because that means we can make more friends" (Grange Pupil)

"Happy to get new pupils because I will make new friends" (Grange Pupil)

"I like the idea because it means there will be new pupils in our school to be friends with" (Grange Pupil)

"We will get new people and new friends" (Grange Pupil)

"The school tried so hard to keep their school and they put lots of effort into fun activities for their class" (Grange Pupil)

"I feel that if Blackness gets closed then the pupils will move to Grange. I am happy about that" (Grange Pupil)

"New people come to the school and I can make them feel welcome. I can make friends with them" (Grange Pupil)

"They don't need to spend so many new kids" (Grange Pupil)

"Nice and calm, good primary school" (Grange Pupil)

Pupils were asked: "How do you feel about the suggested closure of Blackness Primary School? What I don't like about it":

"They might be attached to the school and not want to leave. " (Grange Pupil)

*"That Blackness won't have a local school, but I think it was to be done sooner or later.
"* (Grange Pupil)

"Nothing really" (Grange Pupil)

"I don't really care about Blackness" (Grange Pupil)

"it could make the kids sad" (Grange Pupil)

"They might struggle fitting in" (Grange Pupil)

"Some people not in the catchment will have to go to a school further away" (Grange Pupil)

"Way to small of a school and wouldn't it cause the parent's trouble and cost more money for school lunches? " (Grange Pupil)

" I don't like they are shutting a school down and the children might feel left out at their new school" (Grange Pupil)

"Nothing I like everything" (Grange Pupil)

"They might lose their friends and need to move school" (Grange Pupil)

"I don't like they have to move somewhere where they don't know anyone" (Grange Pupil)

"I don't like it because it will be a longer distance to drive than Blackness" (Grange Pupil)

"I don't like that the pupils will need to move schools" (Grange Pupil)

"They will miss their school" (Grange Pupil)

"Pupils having to leave their school, this makes me sad" (Grange Pupil)

"They might need to travel longer" (Grange Pupil)

"They could get split up" (Grange Pupil)

*"I think it won't be fair because they will move buildings, and it might be sad for them.
"* (Grange Pupil)

"I might not like them" (Grange Pupil)

"Blackness pupils could be upset leaving their school" (Grange Pupil)

"I don't want new people into our school (grange) also the reason behind this is because it's 10-13 people joining and I don't know what else to say" (Grange Pupil)

"That they could be sad about not being in the same class" (Grange Pupil)

"Cause they might not like it" (Grange Pupil)

"I the Blackness pupils might be sad about their school closing and think it's too crowded at Grange" (Grange Pupil)

"More people will come in and it makes the school bigger and crowded" (Grange Pupil)

"That it's shutting down and the students have to move school" (Grange Pupil)

"I don't know" (Grange Pupil)

"Pupils from Blackness might be upset because they might be split up from their friends" (Grange Pupil)

"The people will be sad " (Grange Pupil)

"That there's less children and they should be more people" (Grange Pupil)

"Because it's so small" (Grange Pupil)

Response from pupils not in favour of the proposal

***"How do you feel about the suggested closure of Blackness Primary School?
What I Like about it"***

"Nothing, I love my school" (Blackness Pupil)

"No " (Blackness Pupil)

"Nothing" (10 separate Blackness Pupils and 3 Grange Pupils)

"I don't want it to close because I like doing my numbers" (Blackness Pupil)

"Nothing" (Blackness Pupil)

"I like that it's a small school and we have the same teachers" (Grange Pupil)

"It too fun" (Grange Pupil)

"It would make more opportunities, we can make friends" (Grange Pupil)

"We will have new pupils in our school, and we will be able to make new friends" (Grange Pupil)

"It will save the council money" (Grange Pupil)

"Because there might be new people at Blackness then the people will have more friends" (Grange Pupil)

"they would come to well-trained school" (Grange Pupil)

"It....come to learn and if you have ADHD they will help" (Grange Pupil)

"Because more friends" (Grange Pupil)

"it's a really good place, if it closed it would be really sad" (Grange Pupil)

"Because they do lots of fun raising and all the staff tri there hard" (Grange Pupil)

***"How do you feel about the suggested closure of Blackness Primary School?
What I don't like about it"***

"I have just started riding my bike to school and if I went to Grange I wouldn't be able to do it anymore" (Blackness Pupil)

"Being too noisy, Blackness has a quiet space for me so I can work better. In a bigger school we wouldn't all go on school trips together, so we get more trips at Blackness. I might not even get to choose what to play." (Blackness Pupil)

"I will miss my friends and staff and if I go to another school then it will be too loud cause there will be more people." (Blackness Pupil)

"My teacher can focus more people at once because there are less pupils" (Blackness Pupil)

"I would miss my friends" (Blackness Pupil)

"If the school got closed, I would not be able to walk to school. I would miss all my friends. We all get a good education. If we complete our task we get free time. Our teachers dress up on Halloween." (Blackness Pupil)

"I would miss my friends" (Blackness Pupil)

"We will be separated" (Blackness Pupil)

"Miss my friends, miss my teachers, I will feel bad." (Blackness Pupil)

"Miss my teachers, miss my friends, I will feel bad" (Blackness Pupil)

"Feel bad, miss my friends, I will miss my teachers" (Blackness Pupil)

"I would feel sad, I would miss reading, it won't be fun." (Blackness Pupil)

"I wouldn't like going to another school." (Blackness Pupil)

"I won't be able to play, it won't be fun." (Blackness Pupil)

"Taking a school away from a community feels wrong even if it's expensive to run with few people" (Grange Pupil)

"They only have one class and they don't get PE halls" (Grange Pupil)

"it's going to close" (Grange Pupil)

"lose" (Grange Pupil)

"pupils" (Grange Pupil)

"Not fair on the people at Blackness Primary School because they will have to come to a new school and it might be nerve-racking for them" (Grange Pupil)

"People that attend the school will have to travel more, they could get more one to one time" (Grange Pupil)

"it's a little school" (Grange Pupil)

"I feel bad for the people that do go there" (Grange Pupil)

"Its closing" (Grange Pupil)

"The children will be split up from their friends. I will feel bad" (Grange Pupil)

"It doesn't deserve to be shut down, it is a nice place" (Grange Pupil)

"Because everybody should get a school near" (Grange Pupil)

"I don't like about it is nothing, it's a good place" (Grange Pupil)

"Because I feel better" (Grange Pupil)

"They don't have many people" (Grange Pupil)

Grange Primary School Pupils who said they did not know if they agreed or disagreed with the proposal

"How do you feel about the suggested closure of Blackness Primary School? What I Like about it"

"I like how some pupils will get to have a real class and more people to talk to" (Grange Pupil)

"I mean, I wouldn't really mind either way, but it does make their opportunities and staff better, plus social skills and all that" (Grange Pupil)

"That the school can get more good things" (Grange Pupil)

"It's good for them to start primary school making friends. They can play in full class games as in PE" (Grange Pupil)

"It will be a better experience for all the pupils and people will make more friends" (Grange Pupil)

"Nothing" (Grange Pupil)

"I like that well I kind of want new people but I'll be going to the academy soon, so I don't know." (Grange Pupil)

"It will give the kids a better experience for high school. They will get better opportunities and education" (Grange Pupil)

"I don't know" (Grange Pupil)

"I like that it gives them a chance of a bigger school and friendships" (Grange Pupil)

"What I like about Blackness is that it's fought to keep it's school alive and that it has a wonderful town and wonderful people what we might meet. " (Grange Pupil)

"I might get to meet new people. They might get to experience new things" (Grange Pupil)

"New pupils, new friends, save money" (Grange Pupil)

"I would like new people in the school" (Grange Pupil)

"They can meet new friends" (Grange Pupil)

"I like how they are making their schools better" (Grange Pupil)

"That we might get new friends" (Grange Pupil)

"nothing" (Grange Pupil)

"I like Blackness....like a lovely school" (Grange Pupil)

"There will be new people" (Grange Pupil)

"I don't know yet, new people" (Grange Pupil)

"I like that they will have a good place to learn and lots of friends to make it will be good having them" (Grange Pupil)

"I like the fact if it closes, I will have my cousin at the school" (Grange Pupil)

"They can make new friends" (Grange Pupil)

"I get to make new friends and have a better relationship" (Grange Pupil)

"There will be new people that might come to our great school" (Grange Pupil)

"New people in school so our school can be even bigger" (Grange Pupil)

"Meeting new friends" (Grange Pupil)

"I could meet new friends" (Grange Pupil)

"That new people are coming to Grange that the new people will learn more" (Grange Pupil)

"I like it because there will be new people in our school, and everyone can welcome them" (Grange Pupil)

"I like that all the pupils get to come to Grange" (Grange Pupil)

"So we have New People" (Grange Pupil)

"I like it because I get to me new friends" (Grange Pupil)

"How do you feel about the suggested closure of Blackness Primary School? What I don't like about it"

"I don't know, I never really thought about it. Never came to mind. " (Grange Pupil)

"I don't not like the idea, I don't mind them coming. " (Grange Pupil)

"Nothing much, I just don't really care because I won't be meeting them anyway. "
(Grange Pupil)

"nothing really" (Grange Pupil)

"There will be less space in the lunch hall, and we might not have enough spaces for desks in the classroom" (Grange Pupil)

"That people might lose their jobs and they go homeless" (Grange Pupil)

"They want to even be in my class so I don't notice like anything about it. " (Grange Pupil)

"The school will be more crowded than it already is example, assemblies in the lunch hall" (Grange Pupil)

"I don't know" (Grange Pupil)

"Why they need to come to grange couldn't they go to Kinneil or public etc. " (Grange Pupil)

"I feel sorry for them, having to transition from a small school to a bigger school"
(Grange Pupil)

"Pupils having to leave their school. Parents driving longer, pupils having to leave their friends" (Grange Pupil)

"That they have to move" (Grange Pupil)

"I don't like that people need to leave their school" (Grange Pupil)

"They might have to travel longer to get to school" (Grange Pupil)

"I don't like how the kids that were there having to change schools" (Grange Pupil)

"That they might have to leave some friends" (Grange Pupil)

"it's going to close" (Grange Pupil)

"They have 11 people, it's sad" (Grange Pupil)

"Where will the Blackness students do? The Blackness people will have to move closer" (Grange Pupil)

"I don't know yet, it won't affect me" (Grange Pupil)

"I will need to get to them and not like it's a bad think I am just shy" (Grange Pupil)

"I don't know" (Grange Pupil)

"I might be sad for them" (Grange Pupil)

"I don't feel comfortable around new people" (Grange Pupil)

"I feel bad for the people attend Blackness primary School" (Grange Pupil)

"I don' have anything I don't like about it" (Grange Pupil)

"I fine I don't have any dislikes" (Grange Pupil)

"How people would have to brave to school" (Grange Pupil)

"That Blackness is closing" (Grange Pupil)

*"I don't like it because they have to come to a bigger school and there not use to that"
(Grange Pupil)*

"I think that it does not deserve to shut down because it a lovely place" (Grange Pupil)

"So they don't need to sell the school " (Grange Pupil)

"They need their own school " (Grange Pupil)

