

Outer West Learning Trust Multi-Academy Trust (MAT) Consultation

Response Summary Report to all Governing Bodies (GBs) - 7th Nov 2022

The OWL Trust schools have recently undertaken consultation in order to consider applying to establish a new multi-academy trust. The majority of consultation meetings and liaison took place between 3rd Oct 2022 and 7th Nov 2022. The OWL Board commissioned the Strategic Lead, Special Project Lead and Administrative Officer to undertake responsibility for the consultation process, as well as for liaison with the Department for Education's Delivery Officer and our OWL MAT Steering Group during this time. The OWL MAT 2022/23 timetable indicates how all stakeholders have been involved in the process. This included the following:

- HT meetings (x4) alongside OWL Strategic/Special Project Lead
- Steering Group meetings (x3) alongside OWL Strategic/Special Project
- HT, Whole GB & OWL Board trustees meeting (x2) all schools
- GB consultation 'roadshows' for individual schools (x9) with Strategic Lead
- Individual GB presentations and FAQ on request – Strategic Lead
- Whole OWL Trust Staff meeting – all 9 OWL schools
- Stakeholders MAT consultation letter/access to online survey
- OWL Board & HT meetings
- Report published for OWL Board/GB scrutiny - consultation findings
- HT & Chair of Governor Conference – all 9 schools
- Trustee/Member profile proposal process
- MAT resolution to apply to convert - GB meetings – all 9 schools

The OWL Trust Online Survey was also made available to all stakeholders. This online survey requested stakeholders to respond to the following survey question:

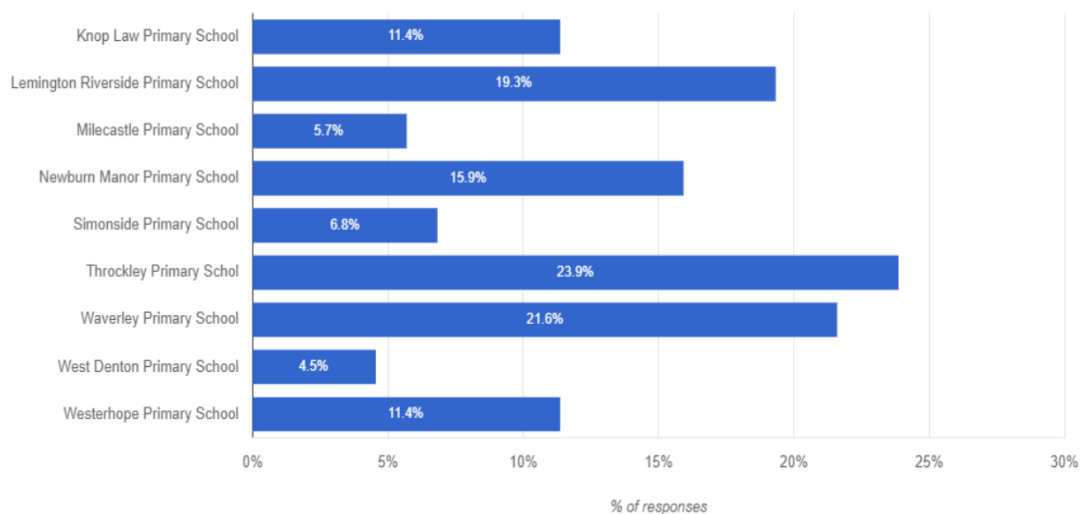
Have you any comments about the proposal to form a new multi-academy trust in the outer west of Newcastle?

The survey indicates that 33% of responses were positive about the proposal with smaller numbers of respondents expressing concerns (9%) and/or seeking more information. Many respondents expressed points of view or asked further questions (14%) that were neither for/against, whilst a small number (4.5%) were categorically against the proposal. The survey indicates also participation from schools, the stakeholders involved.

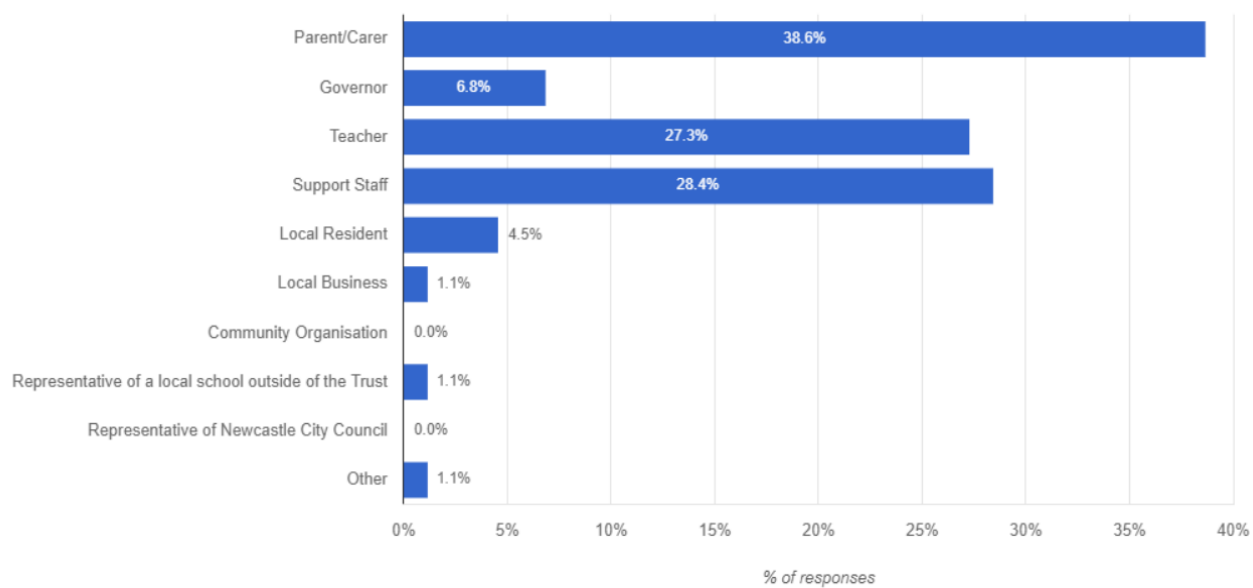
The OWL Strategic Lead followed up any queries or questions from the survey by offering more information if required. This survey was considered by the OWL Trust Board (7th Nov 2022). This report is available to all GBs in order that they are cognisant of the process that has been instigated to support the understanding of possible MAT status and stakeholder opinion prior to any resolution to apply to convert.

Response Type	% (of total 87 responses to survey)
Supportive of Proposal	33.3% (29)
Against Proposal	4.5% (4)
Expressions of Concern to Proposal	9.2% (8)
Statements/Questions in Response to the Proposal (Neither for/against proposal)	13.8 % (12)
No Response to Proposal	39.2% (34)

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A full breakdown of all responses were shared and considered by all governing bodies.