

BROOKEBOROUGH SHARED EDUCATION CAMPUS

Survey Results

Acknowledgements

Brookeborough PS, St Mary's PS, Brookeborough and the Playstation, would thank all who took the time to complete the survey and for the detailed comments that you provided. Your feedback has been invaluable in helping us develop an outline proposal for a Shared Education Campus in the village.

Findings

The survey findings conclude that there is overwhelming support for a Shared Campus, from parents, prospective parents, governors, staff and members of the local community. Being mindful and respectful of our different cultures and identities, this is an excellent opportunity for our children to learn, work and play together and for us adults to get to know and understand each other better and share many activities and celebrations together.

Next Stage

We have submitted a proposal for a shared campus to the Council for Catholic Maintained Schools and the Western Education and Library Board, for their endorsement and submission to the Department of Education by the deadline of 31st March 2014.

Your Continued Support

We have commenced a journey to bring our two communities closer together and to provide the best education possible for our children and for generations to come. We trust that we will have your continued support on this journey together.

'The loss of a school from a village is a loss that impacts far wider than just the families involved in the school. To be threatened with the closure of both our local primary schools would be the final death knell for the village of Brookeborough. The hope of many who live in the village is grounded in the revitalisation of the community, with a new and exciting shared education campus where the two schools are brought closer together. Community relations are good, and the shared campus will provide the basis for ongoing community development for the next generation and beyond.'

(A comment from a respondent to the Survey)

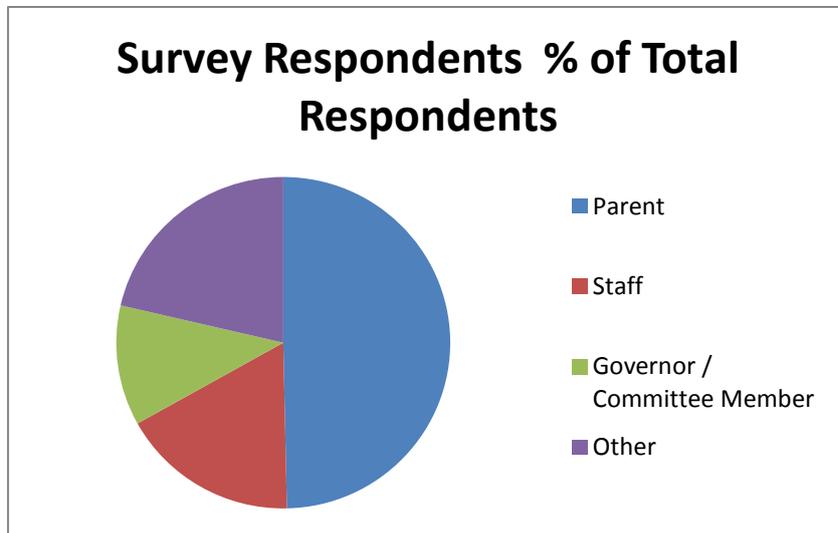
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Introduction

Following a request at a joint parents' meeting of the two school communities, St Mary's PS, Brookeborough and Brookeborough PS, on 27th February 2014, a survey was undertaken to ascertain the support for a shared campus in Brookeborough. The survey was conducted from 10th March to 21st March 2014, with questionnaires issued to parents by the two primary schools and the playgroup (Playstation). Two public meetings were also held where the surveys were made available and the survey was also available on-line on the Fermanagh Trust website, for completion. This is an analysis of the survey findings.

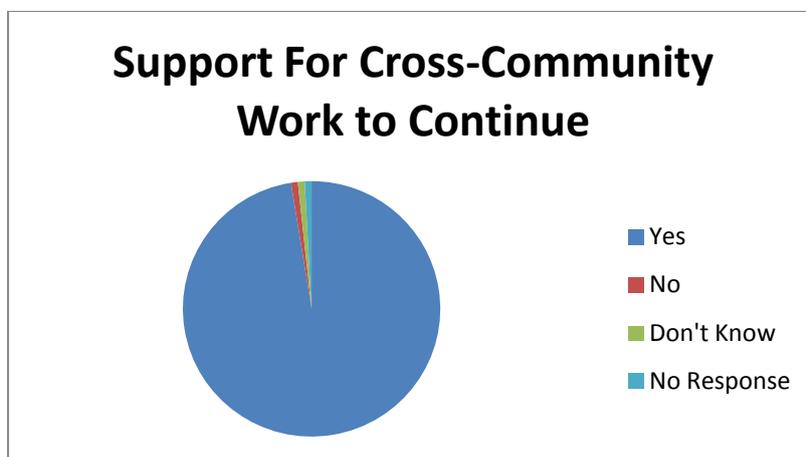
Q1: Response to the Survey

A total of 117 completed surveys were returned from parents, staff, governors & committee members, and others including prospective parents.



Q2: Support for continuation of cross-community work between schools

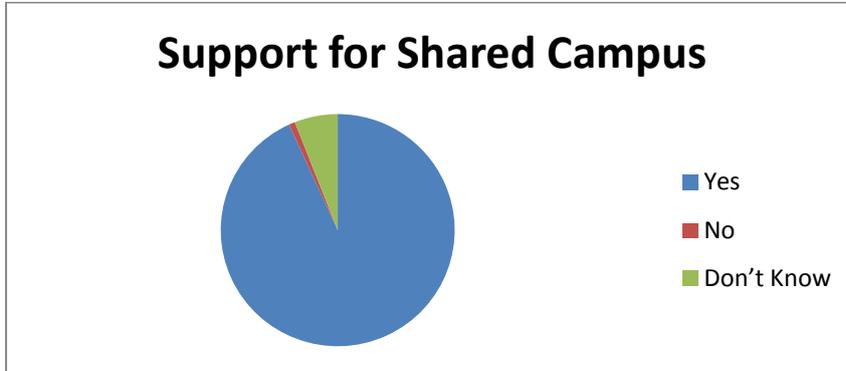
97% of respondents are supportive of the on-going cross-community work between the 2 primary schools in Brookeborough and they would like to see it continued. Just one respondent was not supportive of the co-operation between the schools and one didn't know.



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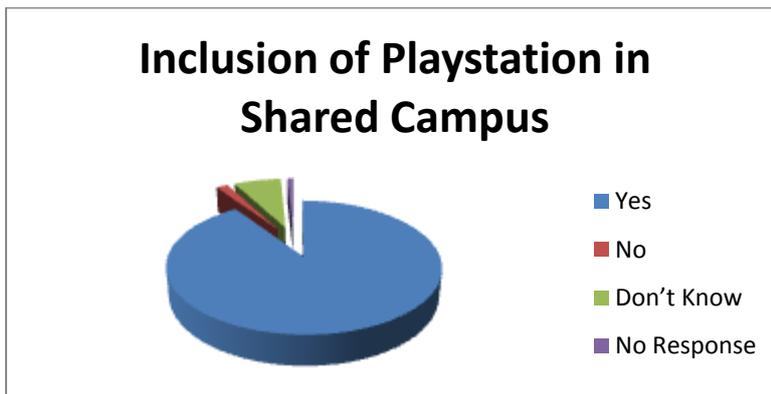
Q3: Support for Shared Campus

93% of the respondents (i.e. 109 respondents) stated that they supported the proposal for a shared campus in Brookeborough, with 7 respondents (i.e. 6%) not sure. Just one respondent did not support the proposal.



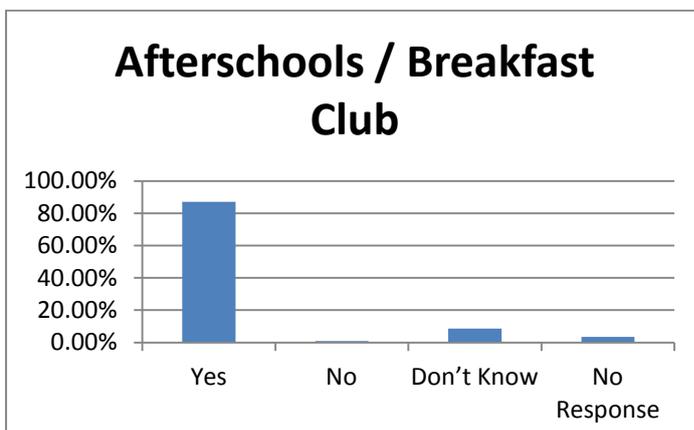
Q4: Would you like the Playgroup (Playstation) included?

Over 90% of respondents would like to see the Playstation to be part of the shared campus, but 2 respondents didn't want this and a further 8 were not sure.



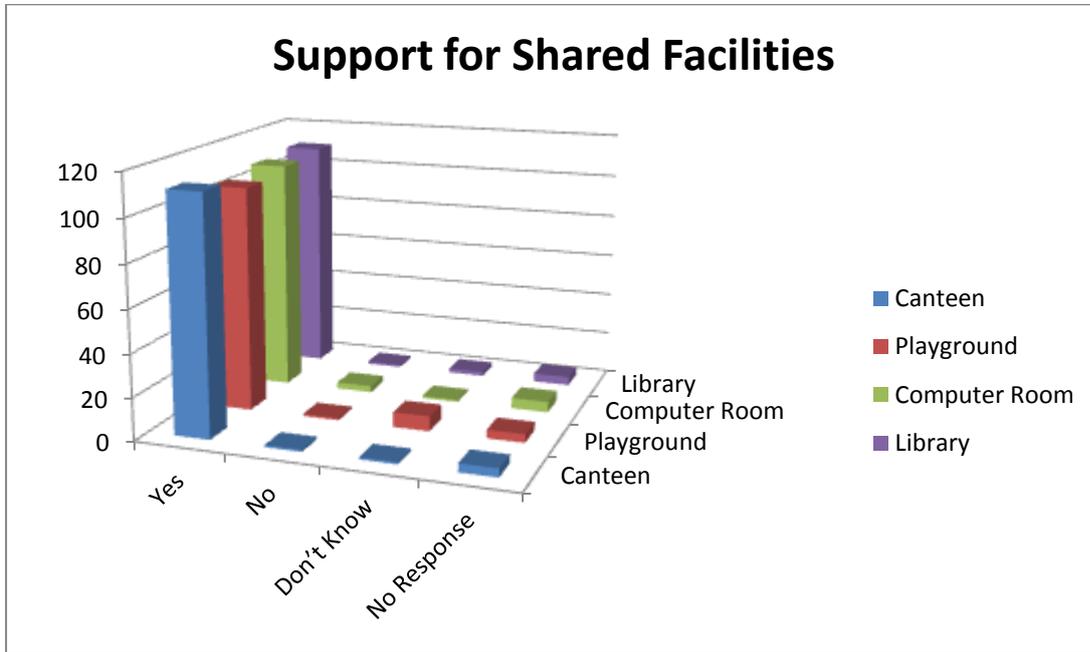
Q5: After-Schools / Breakfast Club Included in Proposal

87% of respondents would like to see an After-Schools Club and / or Breakfast club included in the proposal. 9% either weren't sure, or didn't agree.



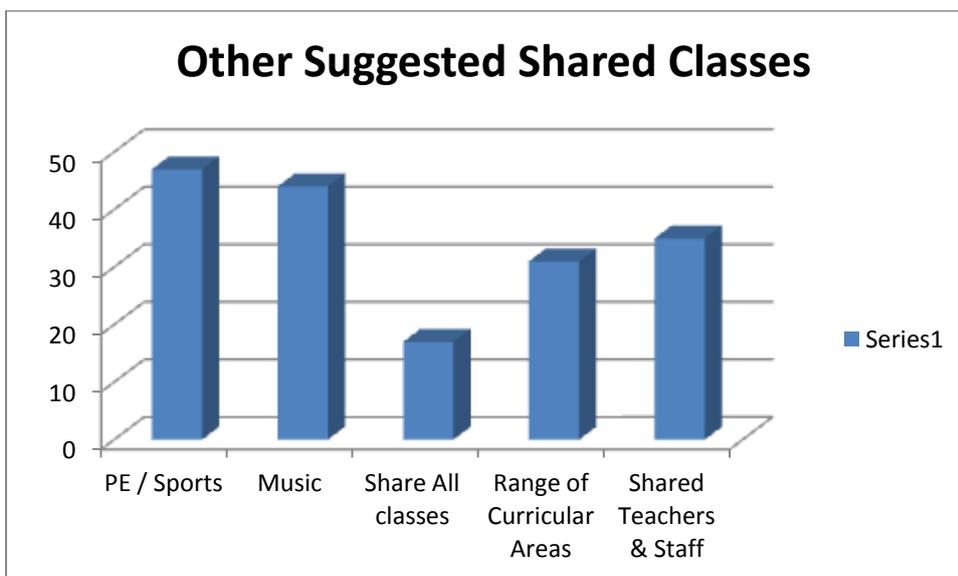
Q6: Support for Sharing of Facilities

The survey asked if you supported the sharing of a number of school facilities, i.e. canteen, playground, computer room and library. Almost all respondents want to see these facilities shared.



Q7: Other Shared School Activities

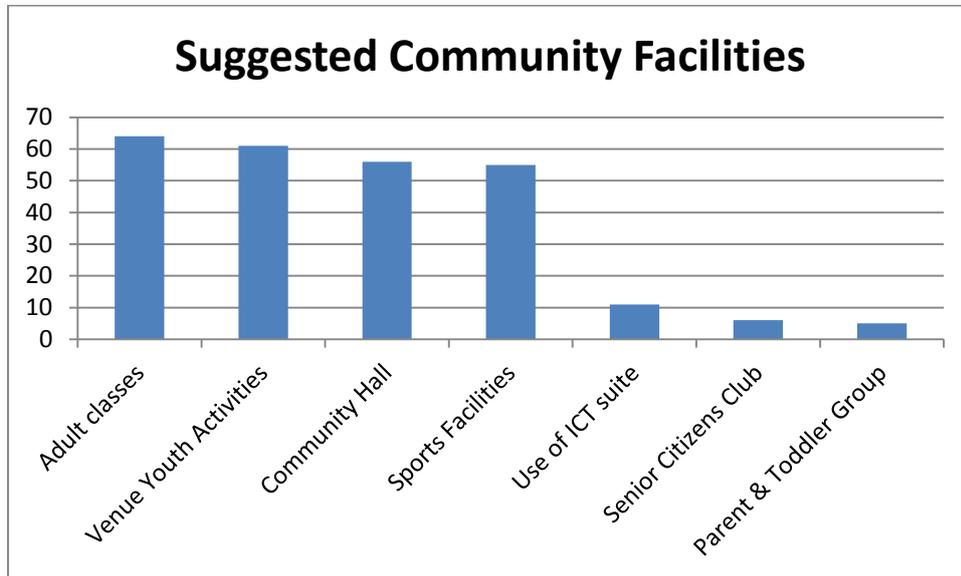
The questionnaire asked respondents for their suggestions of what other shared facilities they would like to see. Eighty-five of the respondents gave a number of suggestions and many reported that due to the high level of on-going level of sharing between the schools, it is only natural that they would continue that and further develop it. The following are the most frequently reported suggestions.



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Q8: Suggested Community Facilities

The survey asked for suggestions about what community facilities they would like included in the shared campus. Over 100 respondents gave suggestions. The most frequently reported ideas are summarised in the table below.



Q9: Any Other Additional Comments

Forty-one respondents added some final comments, stressing the need to sustain primary education in Brookeborough and to continue to build good community relations.

CONCLUSIONS

The survey results demonstrate the following:

- I. There is support for a shared campus.
- II. There is support for the inclusion of the Playstation in the shared campus.
- III. There is support for sharing many parts of the campus, including canteen, playground, computer room, library.
- IV. It is accepted that the on-going shared classes would continue and further develop, within the shared campus, along with shared teachers.
- V. There is support for an After-schools and Breakfast club.
- VI. There is a need and demand for key community facilities including a hall, sports facilities, and a venue for youth activities.