

Year 8

Had this option been available to me when my first child was a primary school I have no doubt I would have been keen for her to stay there to complete year 6. However, having seen her transition and development since moving to middle school, I am no doubt that in my opinion primary school would be unable to provide the facilities and varied curriculum that she has benefitted from at TDMS. I also believe that a child joining middle school would be at a significant disadvantage if they have missed a year with their year 7 peers. Therefore, I fully support your request

The proposals by the two schools do not make sense. On the one hand they will employ a Year 6 teacher plus specialist subject providers, but then there is no guarantee that they will have any pupils in year 6! This is the way to increase costs at a time when Worcestershire needs to do the opposite.

Overall, I agree with the move to a two tier system. However, I agree it needs to be a totally coordinated change with all schools involved. I personally, do not see the benefits of the three tier system, despite having two children go through the system. The proposals by Bretforton and Honeybourne, however, just create confusion for parents, for them to go it alone is not beneficial.

This would either cause Blackminster to lose students and/or make The De Montfort school crowded with children wanting to start earlier in year 7. Not a good solution for either school.

I also, think that to make these changes we are merely giving in to those parents who are sending their children to their high schools and so have to send them to Blackminster for a year. I understand we all have some choice but this is what is wrong with our schools anyway that these people feel they need to send their children elsewhere. Once these schools start, a trend could also set in with other following suit, leading to a possible closure of middle schools if children bypass them.

I have witnessed a huge progress in my son's willingness to want to learn and to improve his progress. Only with your help my son will be able to achieve his goal. Please make his dream happen.

I think either all schools should agree rather than half and half – very confusing for parents.

They need the change to a different school, a new challenge/new environment. Even year 5 for my son was a bit of a 'non-year', he was bored. All about trips and performances.

I believe it's too much of a big step going from first school straight to high school, especially when some students are not quite ready. Keep middle schools.

I feel children out-grow first school when they get to year 5 and they are ready to look for new challenges and experiences that a middle school can give them. Children need to be able to mix within a wider community and social environments at that point of their development. Now that The De Montfort School has merged, the children are already having a two tier system, which is currently working very effectively.

Having a child in year 4, I know I wouldn't be happy to do year 6 in first school as they are ready to move on.