

Responses received from Stakeholders

Date	Responses
19.01.09	<p><i>Black Firs School fully supports Congleton High in its bid to become a Foundation school. The Governing Body at Black Firs are also considering this change of status and would welcome Congleton High's input.</i></p> <p><i>Martin Casserley, Headteacher, Black Firs School (Primary Partner / Feeder School)</i></p>
03.03.09	<p><i>I would like to offer my support for the proposed change to Foundation Status for the school. I think that the increased levels of freedom that this will grant the school will allow us to offer and develop a more locally-tailored education that better meets the needs of students in Congleton.</i></p> <p><i>(Teacher at the school)</i></p>
06.03.09	<p><i>Best of luck and I hope it goes well</i></p> <p><i>Regards Andrew Cliffe (Headteacher of a Foundation School)</i></p>
10.03.09	<p><i>Just some thoughts on the issue of foundation status.</i></p> <p><i>I am broadly in favour of Foundation Status as it seems to offer the best opportunity for effective management without the restrictive bureaucracy of the LEA.</i></p> <p><i>I am concerned about the staffing issues particularly regarding personnel and finance. I would assume that, if we were to opt out of the financial services the LEA offers, we would need a new role of financial manager on the senior team who has the accountancy and business skills to raise and manage assets and funding. I would not like to see Teaching and Learning become a smaller part of the senior management agenda as a result of greater management responsibility for funding. My perception is that finance department is currently stretched to the limit.</i></p> <p><i>Apart from these concerns, I think the opportunities presented outweigh potential difficulties.</i></p> <p><i>(Teacher at the school)</i></p>
10.03.09	<p><i>Thank you for information on the proposed change to Foundation status. I fully support the move of the High School as over the last few years the school has moved into the top league with their academic achievements and in their general performance.</i></p> <p><i>Also of course if you achieve Foundation status the council still have an obligation for repairs etc. from £10,000. I do understand there is a certain criteria that has to be met. With the new council starting on April 1st your timing is perfect.</i></p> <p><i>Regards Neville Price (County Councillor, Chairman of Cheshire County Council 2006 to 2008)</i></p>
13.03.09	<p><i>As I shall be unable to attend the meeting on Monday 16th March, as a stakeholder in CHS I write on behalf of New Life Church Congleton to support the change for Foundation Status. Also, as a long serving governor at Sandbach School, which has Independent Status, I am very mindful of the benefits which this affords to the school. I am fully aware that Foundation Status will bring similar benefits to CHS.</i></p> <p><i>Steve Hodgkinson, Church Leader, New Life Church (Community Partner)</i></p>
18.03.09	<p><i>As a parent, I would like to express my support for Congleton High School in gaining Foundation Status. The potential benefits of this can only add to the school's excellent standards, particularly with the forthcoming Local Government Reorganisation.</i></p> <p><i>Judith Shatwell (Parent Y8)</i></p>
31.03.09	<p><i>From our perspective as a company which co-operates with the School in helping with work experience for your Young Apprentice Programme, we consider the proposed change of the school to Foundation Status to be a positive step and therefore have no objections. We look forward to co-operating with the School in its future success.</i></p> <p><i>Craig Priday, Managing Director, SMS Mevac UK Limited (Partner Organisation)</i></p>