

Timestamp	Please tell us who you are?	How far do you agree or disagree with our proposal to amalgamate Wormegay and Runcton Holme CofE Primary Schools, resulting in the closure of the Wormegay site from 31st August 2021?	Please give the main reasons for your answer	How far do you agree or disagree with our proposal to change the catchment area of Runcton Holme CofE Primary School to include the parishes of Wormegay and Tottenham from 31st August 2021?	Please give the main reasons for your answer	How far do you agree or disagree with our proposal to change the name of Runcton Holme CofE Primary School to The Holy Cross Primary Academy?	Please give the main reasons for your answer	Is there anything else that you would like to ask or raise as part of the consultation?
1/20/2021 10:55:02	Member of staff	Strongly agree	<p>I have worked across both schools for many years and have seen how the world is changing and how in particular small schools are struggling with budget issues which are linked to the number of pupils on role to some extent. Although staff are a major factor in the children's education, the environment and resourcing also has a big part to play in delivering a good quality education to all. Over the recent years both schools have struggled with these issues and as a staff member I have felt enormous pressure to deliver high quality teaching under difficult circumstances.</p> <p>With limited space and resources and sometimes inadequate staffing levels, I feel that the education of the children and the well-being of the staff has suffered.</p> <p>It is always sad when a school has to close, but in this case I believe a merger will benefit pupils and staff in the long term. I feel that exciting times are ahead if this goes through and I fully support the decision. Runcton Holme is a far better equipped site with more space and potential to develop into a high quality setting, which in turn hopefully, will build on the already established reputation that the school and staff have within the community, and attract more pupils in the future.</p>	Strongly agree	<p>In the immediate future it will mean that the existing Wormegay pupils and siblings will have some continuity of education and also this will give families another option when they are considering schools for their children. Also Tottenham and Wormegay are rural villages with few amenities. A school is a very important part of village life.</p>	Neutral	<p>I can see the benefit of rebranding. An exciting new beginning but I do feel sad that Runcton Holme will lose its identity. Other schools have changed names omitting the village name with the result that on seeing the name, people have to ask where it is.</p>	
1/20/2021 13:08:21	Member of staff	Strongly agree	<p>To improve quality of teaching, create economic viability and maintain provision within the local area.</p>	Strongly agree	<p>Necessary to replace current provision.</p>	Strongly agree	<p>Works well as the current federated title.</p>	

1/20/2021 14:49:23	Parent / Carer	Strongly disagree	<p>The timing for this is disgusting. These primary children have been through enough disruption this year with COVID restrictions, to put them through another massive change at this time is shameful. I have just informed my daughter of this proposal and she is devastated, really upset, that the environment that she loves to attend may no longer be there. She enjoys her walk to school daily (and the contact with nature that this provides), whilst we move towards a modern age these are values that should be protected, and village schools should not be sacrificed. Some work was completed several years ago which did see an increase in numbers, however this has not been consistently applied, which has led to the position we are in now.</p> <p>Another contributory factor is consistently poor OFSTED ratings (true of both Holy Cross Federation Schools), this I would hold the trust directly accountable for. Either through a lack of providing adequate provision, or through a lack of staff performance management which means that the ratings are not moving forward consistently. If you had managed this performance successfully this school would be performing and have a higher OFSTED rating, and parents would have flocked to have brought their children to a good school. I feel that it is disgraceful that you are making children the victims of your failings as a trust to get these schools into a place where they are performing. Your neglect to oversee a schools performance and the consequences that this brings should not mean that village children should suffer.</p>	Strongly disagree	For all the reasons above, you are impacting the children for your management failings.	Strongly disagree	Both schools should be operating for all the reasons mentioned above.	<p>You also need to consider the impact on the wider local community, and they should be a key part of the consultation process of closing the school. Generations in this local village have attended this school, and when engaged with they have been great at rallying support (work completed previously).</p> <p>You should consider the impact of redundancies on a very loyal staff base.</p> <p>This school is part of a community. I would prefer to see an action plan from DEMAT of key actions that it is going to take over a 24 month period to restore the prosperity of this school, and an investment and clear performance management which provides the results of a performing school. If you can evidence you have tried then by all means bring this proposal, but at the present time, this has never been done by yourselves.</p>
1/20/2021 19:34:47	Member of staff	Strongly agree	<p>I feel this will be a benefit to the pupils, it will reduce the amount of year groups in each class allowing more focus on each area of the curriculum. It will give teachers more time to focus on each year group and enable them to be able to give more support where needed for pupils. The pupils will have more children to play with, allowing for a better social accept to school and widening the friendship groups they already have. Overall, the facilities at Runcton Holme CofE Primary School will also benefit the pupils with a larger playground, playing field and the school hall.</p>	Agree	<p>This will allow for the children in these parishes to still have access to the school. It will also support The Holy Cross Primary Academy with continuing numbers.</p>	Strongly agree	<p>The current pupils hear the schools being referred to as the Holy Cross Federation so the new name for the school will be easy for them to remember. It will also allow the school to start as a fresh from September 2021 and enable the school to build up a new reputation within the local area.</p>	
1/20/2021 20:16:56	Parent / Carer	Strongly disagree	<p>Having a child who absolutely loves attending this school, who loves arriving to the school whilst walking her pet dog to and from (when leaving off in the afternoon), which also gives her an healthy outlook on starting the day right and us as parents. By losing the school you are condemning yet another Norfolk Village to virtual extinction , firstly the local vicar was replaced by a communal replacement on a rotational monthly rota, rather than an permanent one , the school used to have such a high regard in the areas around Tottenhill when the original Headmistress (if I'm allowed to say that word) Mrs. Bates was in control, but you have slowly by miss management over the last 5/6 years managed to let this school by poor staffing recruitment strategy slowly start to fail whether by poor Ofsted reports or you just could not be bothered to invest in this beautiful little gem of a school by a decent committed recruitment drive to encourage Parents from other catchment area's to bring their children to a local village school were they would be taught in classrooms possible well under half the size they were used to what a fantastic learning opportunity for any child, I am deeply concerned and annoyed that this is possibly going to happen to this school, and am wondering whether the local press has been informed. This Village school is over 100 years old and has always been part of the community.</p>	Strongly disagree	<p>This is the catchment area of Tottenhill and strongly believe the Village School should remain in the area due to reasons mentioned above.</p>	Strongly disagree	<p>The idea of having the school locally known as a Church of England School, rather than a Holy Cross Academy is still even in this day of multi religions still an recruitment plus for the Schools.</p>	
1/21/2021 15:43:07	Parent / Carer	Strongly agree	<p>Pooling resources/Cost savings from only running one site/Operating 3 classrooms - all lead to better standard of child education.</p>	Strongly agree	<p>Wider catchment area. Concern is what migration there may be from Wormegay village to Middleton School.</p>	Agree	<p>It's a 'fresh start' To lower the stigma of previous school names but we all know it will last for a few years.</p>	<p>Will the running cost savings from the running of Wormegay be all attributed to The Holy Cross Primary Academy - ie DoFE all goes into one school and not lost in 'DEMAT administration' costs?</p>

1/23/2021 13:38:58	Member of staff	Strongly agree	The quality of education that can be provided to two year groups rather than 4 (class 2) is an enormous factor for teaching staff such as myself.	Strongly agree	Maximise potential number of students.	Agree	Fresh start for all!	
1/23/2021 21:34:46	Parent / Carer	Agree		Agree		Neutral		
1/24/2021 10:15:22	Parent / Carer	Agree	No point in wasting money etc on 2 schools when they are linked anyway.	Neutral		Strongly disagree	It's in Runcton so why does the school name need to change just because Wormegay are coming to our school. Shouldn't effect the name at all.	
1/24/2021 11:45:36	Member of staff	Agree	Due to the fall in pupil numbers on roll.	Agree		Agree	It signifies a new school, a new start.	I feel that 'The' does not need to be part of the new name. I also feel it is the best outcome for both schools to build together on the foundation they both have for a stronger future as one.
1/24/2021 13:40:07	Member of staff	Strongly agree	The biggest benefit is to reduce the number of year groups in one class and therefore reducing the amount of differentiation and enabling teaching and support staff to provide better quality teaching. I also see the positive with all staff including the Headteacher being in one place.	Strongly agree	This would hopefully enable RH receive higher intakes year on year if the catchment is widened.	Strongly agree	New start although would prefer the name to be 'Holy Cross Primary Academy'. This would look better as a logo, email addresses and on any new school uniform.	
1/25/2021 11:39:31	Parent / Carer	Agree	To make one village school bigger and better because Wormegay have to use Runcton for sport/PE anyway.	Agree	Because they are in our parishes anyway.	Neutral	Not sure if any old village school should change its name after all these years as it will cost the school and us parents a lot more money.	As this/these schools are both linked to the church, can the church not help keep both schools open?
1/25/2021 13:23:36	Member of staff	Strongly agree	With the current numbers at both schools being low, this merger will help safeguard education for all the children in the future - if numbers continue to fall at both then there is the risk of losing both schools. It means that education can be tailored more by providing classes with less year groups within them. High quality education being of high importance for all these children.	Strongly agree	It is important not to have any child's education missed - the provision that would have been provided by Wormegay school would still be offered to children within the two villages by the new school with the catchment area being widened.	Strongly agree	This would ensure that the something of both schools is carried over to the new school - Holy Cross Federation is familiar to all, moving to Holy Cross Primary Academy continues this.	
1/25/2021 14:50:32	Local resident	Strongly disagree	My son is due to go to school September 2023 and we chose this village to live in due to its small school. Children benefit from small school settings - gaining strong friendships and dedicated learning. Teachers are able to concentrate on the individual needs of each child rather than a large school setting where children can be forgotten or 'passed along'	Agree	Where else will my child go to school !	Neutral	The name doesn't mean anything to me.	
1/25/2021 21:28:44	Parent / Carer	Strongly disagree	My daughter has not long started the school (Sept 20). We specifically chose Wormegay because it was smaller. She had severe anxiety and had been out of formal school learning for 18 months. The more intimate environment has enabled her to grow in confidence and the smaller class size has given her the opportunity to learn at a pace that is more appropriate to her individual needs. Small schools have a unique place and are able to meet the needs of children in a more personal and tailored way though specific differentiation. This is greatly valued by parents who have children that have needs that are not able to be met in larger school environments.	Strongly disagree	Runcton is further for us to travel to get to the school which may have a knock on effect with the other school runs that have to be done for my other 2 children.	Neutral		As a parent I knew nothing about this proposal until it was casually mentioned in last Fridays news letter. The link to this 'consultation response' & 'virtual meeting' was seen in the local paper. I feel very sad that this is the case as it directly effects my child. I have emailed the head teacher to get more information but have yet to have a response which makes me feel very disappointed.

1/25/2021 21:38:26	Member of staff	Strongly agree	<p>There are a number of reasons why this is an important and very much needed course of action for the two schools are outlined in brief below:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> * The quality of education provided to children will be significantly better when there are three classes of 2 year groups in each class * Teaching 4 year groups effectively is incredibly difficult to execute and inevitably not all children are given the level of support and intervention they require - and indeed that teachers would like to give * Having staff working across 2 sites wastes valuable classroom time through travelling - subject leadership is cut short and teachers don't always feel they are supported effectively by each other * Children's education would be enhanced due to having teachers on one site engaging in supporting each other - tighter and more effective transition for children between classes - professional discussion on a daily basis - SENCO support more regularly for pupils and teachers - consistent & regular pastoral support for pupils and families - clear and effective progression across the curriculum due to less year groups in each class - more effective teacher discussion/cascade of training to enhance quality of teaching * Children have more choice of friendship groups * Peer learning would be more effective due to having more children per year group in better established classes * Larger school community to support transition to the secondary school environment * Monitoring/Learning walks/drop in's/book scrutiny would be more effective by the Headteacher and subject leaders as everyone is on one site which provides easier and more efficient timetabling - resulting in more effective classroom practises - which directly impacts on raising the quality of education and teaching practises for the children * Children will benefit from freely available resources that are on hand in school to support learning - not spread/shared between sites * Teachers can more freely share expertise for planning and lesson content which results in more efficient PPA and directly impacts on the quality of lessons being delivered to the pupils in a wider range of subjects * Better communication between all staff on matters that are immediate as all are on one site * Support can be more efficiently distributed during times where teachers are attending CPD/training which causes less disruption to the pupils learning * As both schools are currently at Requires Improvement as graded by our most recent OfSTED inspections - this would be a good and much needed opportunity to form a strong team which can lead the sort of school turnaround that will raise standards of learning & education for pupils, a more supported and efficient staff/working environment, a better reputation for being a good community school, create strong links with the community and to use the expertise of all to develop one site effectively to be the best it can be for all members of the school community. 	Strongly agree	<p>It is important that we maintain and value the links we have with the families currently attending both schools. Our families are very much at the heart of what we do and we hope to continue serving those families. In terms of future intake - changing the catchment area is the most effective way of reaching as many prospective families as we can which has a direct impact on the longevity of the Runcton Holme school site - which would become the proposed amalgamated school.</p>	Strongly agree	<p>I think a change of name - re-brand - is an important part of the new start. It shows that both school communities are equally important and one school is not simply joining onto another - but instead a whole new school with shared values and vision is established - with input from all stakeholders.</p> <p>It is a perfect way for staff and children to 'draw a line' under what has been, and develop new ways of working that improve outcomes for all.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Holy Cross CofE Primary * Holy Cross CofE Primary Academy * Holy Cross CofE Academy <p>#Further suggestions for the name - perhaps there could be some suggestions and discussions regarding the new name?</p>	<p>This is absolutely the right time and the right course of action in protecting our schools. Teaching and education has changed a lot over recent years and it is becoming more and more difficult to meet high standards with so many year groups in one class. Low numbers of children on roll put both schools in danger of closure and for the families we serve across both our schools action needs to be taken to prevent this.</p> <p>The site at Runcton Holme has more scope to develop valuable services and community links than that of Wormegay, therefore it makes sense to pool resources into one place.</p> <p>As a member of staff I absolutely believe this is a positive and welcomed amalgamation and I think this is a perfect time to establish one strong, achieving school that can provide much more for all families.</p> <p>I would also like to make the following points in support of the amalgamation:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Wormegay school does not sit in the heart of the village - it is situated on the outskirts, approximately 1 mile from the centre of the village * Wormegay have no established community links - no community events are directly linked to the school other than what the school organise - and the school do not provide community services to the local community other than for education for children, some of whom live in the village of Wormegay * Children from both schools regularly take part in joint federation events including school trips, sports events, swimming and topic events. Sports festivals have been conducted as whole federation and after-school clubs are offered as whole federation. Children from both schools attend some or all of these events and festivals and mix together without stress or issue. We have had positive feedback from children, parents and staff following such events. Many of these festivals and events have been held at the Runcton Holme site and therefore the children attending Wormegay school are very familiar with the Runcton Holme site and the staff. * Many of the staff work across the federation and therefore children are familiar with all staff. During the summer term lockdown in 2020 children from both sites were taught face to face and remotely by teachers across both schools and they embraced this positively - in school provision for Vulnerable and key worker children from both schools has been provided on site at Runcton Holme using a mixture of staff from across the two schools - this has been positively received by parents and again positively embraced by the children at both schools. Children have had many opportunities to develop trust with staff across the federation and vice versa. * The facilities at the Runcton Holme site are better suited for developing quality learning areas for children - particularly those in EYFS who have their own contained outdoor learning area in which we can fulfil the statutory requirements for outdoor learning which cover a broad range of subject areas. The facilities also include scope to create community links which will support the reputation of the school and opportunities for children and families in the proposed catchment area. <p>I am unable to see any negative points that could be raised as a result of the proposed amalgamation of the two schools - although I can understand and have empathy for the emotional ties that some families and staff members have as a result of being involved in Wormegay School over a number of years. I understand that this is a big and difficult change, although ultimately I am sure all involved will embrace the amalgamation and see the bigger picture of success and protection for both schools.</p>
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1/26/2021 17:58:49	Previous pupil	Strongly disagree	Wormegay school is a part of the community, the fact that it's a small school is a benefit to the children. The school needs to remain open to provide stability to their pupils.	Strongly disagree	The children in Wormegay and Tottenhill will be much happier staying in their area going to wormegay school. Closing the school and moving them will produce more instability and stress which is already being caused by the current conditions	Neutral		
1/26/2021 19:00:21	Parent / Carer	Strongly agree	Whilst we chose Wormegay for its size, the merged school will still be a small school and offer the same small school features as we have now. The difference being our children will have better facilities and be taught in more age appropriate classes. Y6 pupils shouldn't be taught with y3s.	Strongly agree	It will allow all wormegay pupils to have a place at Runcton.	Agree	All the children associate Holy Cross with the existing schools.	
1/26/2021 22:04:39	Local resident	Strongly disagree	It is a small school which some children need for their mental well-being, big schools do not suit every child. It has a strong connection with both villages bringing them together in village life. It is strongly supported by the villagers. It is a very happy environment.	Strongly disagree	Children should be able to continue to go to their own village school	Neutral	Doesn't really matter what its called, but where its located does.	Most of the children absolutely hate it when they have to go to Runcton Holme School and going there full time especially after this pandemic will have a huge negative effect on them .
1/27/2021 10:38:08	Parent / Carer	Strongly agree	Its about time that the schools merged, it seems daft to allow two small schools to continue and both be at risk when combined they could keep going	Agree	It makes sense	Agree	New start new name	
1/27/2021 12:00:28	Potential future parent of a child attending	Strongly agree	I live in Tottenhill, my son is 2. I am absolutely dreading him having to attend such a small school where pupils of multiple year groups are in one class. I think it has such a negative impact on a child and their learning/socialising. I am also quite saddened to see that this school will only have a capacity of 70. I am still unhappy about my son potentially attending such a small school in the future as I do not think it is healthy to be mixed with such few people at an age where kids need to learn to socialise. I would much prefer him to go to Shouldham primary as I think this is a perfect size and has a much better ofsted rating. I think if these two schools are going to merge there does need to be a lot of improvement, as they do not have the best ofsted reports in the area, and with them being such small schools you would assume they would fly through these assessments as they do not have many children to care for.	Strongly disagree	It is good that they are merging. However, I would much prefer my son to attend Shouldham as I go through Shouldham every day. Runcton is out of the way for me.	Neutral	Doesn't matter what a school is called, the education and care is what matters.	It may seem a controversial opinion, but even with the merger of the two schools there will still not be many pupils attending. Would it be better to close both schools and let the additional 26 from each school go to places like Shouldham, Watlington and West Winch.
1/31/2021 19:36:25	Parent / Carer	Strongly disagree	Its great school my boys love it there staff are great since my boys been there they are loving going to school. Never liked going school before I moved them there	Strongly disagree		Strongly disagree	Are they going change village name too then	Please safe our school i drive from king lynn every day to take mine boys to this school I feel safe leaving my kids there i no they are looked after so well
1/31/2021 19:44:28	Local resident	Strongly disagree	Its too much of a good school to close down.	Strongly agree	Wider range catchment area means it could potentially become a bigger school to enrol more pupils	Agree	Sounds more biblical and inviting	No
1/31/2021 20:10:49	Parent / Carer	Strongly disagree	Loss of village school and sense of community	Strongly disagree	Surrounding schools are already at capacity or close to, what would happen if Runcton Holme was to be at full capacity? No room for future children.	Neutral		Why has it been decided there will only be 6 children at the school in 2023? There are young families living in the village so surely there is reason to believe they will attend the school when the children are of age.
1/31/2021 20:13:12	Local resident	Strongly disagree	It's a very good school	Strongly disagree	Wormegay is a better school.	Strongly disagree	My grand child goes to wormegay and my other grand child will be going.	Know
1/31/2021 20:25:44	Local resident	Strongly disagree		Strongly disagree		Neutral		

1/31/2021 21:27:21	Parent / Carer	Strongly disagree	<p>We have three children currently at the school and an older child that went there also. We moved the children from a large school across the road from where we live to Wormegay a few years ago. This was because Wormegay offered a more holistic approach and the smaller setting was far preferred. Our Children have all thrived at the school. They love school and are keen to attend every day. The benefits of a small school like Wormegay is that it really does become a Family away from Family. The staff know all the children on an individual basis. The children are allowed to be themselves and they are supported both academically and emotionally. There have been many occasions that Wormegay School have gone above and beyond for my Children. The school is very dear to us all. Generations of my family have attended the school. If the merger goes ahead it will negatively impact all concerned. The Children will be devastated. They are already very unsettled due to Covid and lockdown restrictions. To suggest closing the school at this time is diabolical. The mental health of the pupils has not been taken into consideration at all. The school is the hub of Wormegay and Tottenham. The school PTA put on many events during the year (precovid) and we have a trusted group of volunteers from the local community that always come and help out. These are past students, grandparents and friends of the school. They give up their time because they have a genuine affection for the school. We have also held events for the local community and these provide socialisation for many of the older members of our community. With the closure of the school, these events will stop and this will put many of our community at risk of social isolation. The school has close links to the village hall in Tottenham, and closure of the school will also mean that events we hold at the hall such as summer and christmas fairs and the Children's Sports days will stop. Again preventing villagers from being able to attend these events, and potentially causing social isolation. Our school is a Family, both inside and outside the school setting. Being such a small school means that our parents also support each other. We look out for each other, we care for each other's children, the children have very close bonds with each other. To close the school will change the dynamics of our relationships and this will have an effect on people's Mental health. Wormegay School have been amazing during the latest lockdown. The children have been so well supported but not only that, the parents have been as well. I do not believe this would be possible in a larger School. We are a school that have a lot of SEN children on our role. We have pupils join the school throughout the school year almost every year. These children have often needed more than the school they previously attended could provide. Our school is inclusive, we welcome everybody and everybody has a place. The mixed aged classrooms are a positive of the school not a negative. Mixed age classes mean that the children learn how to build relationships with people of differing ages. The older Children take the younger under their wings. The younger students look up to the older students. Our school is one of the last traditional village primary schools. In a world that has changed so much lately it provides a stability we all need. To close our school rather than invest in it to help keep it open would be a travesty.</p>	Strongly disagree	There should be no need to change the catchment area, as Wormegay school SHOULD NOT be closed.	Strongly disagree	It is impersonal , has no sense of where it is from, gives no sense of identity	<p>Staffing. Who will be fired? parking...there is none. The club is not suitable for lots of cars in and out every day, it will need to be professionally surfaced.. who will pay for this. The club is also not ideal to walk from for those with children that have sen needs. The path is also not wide enough to safely pass parents and students walking in the opposite direction with Covid 19 guidelines. The road is very busy and you need to cross the road..there is no lolly pop lady to make this safe. The school gates open straight onto the road, this is dangerous. Is there any asbestos in the school as is common with old buildings? How will you decide on class size and year groups? Will the one to one care the children have now be able to be continued with more children? What measure are you proposing to take to ensure runcton does not close in the future. What funding will the school get. How are you going to make the school better.? Why close wormegay when it is not a failing school, to move the children to a failing school. If Runcton school is failing with the low numbers they have a Runcton what makes you think that moving more children there will be helpful. How many classroom assistants will there be as alot of Wormegay children need additional help, if there are no additional classroom assistants this will have a negative effect on students and staff. How do you suggest gaining and retaining staff at a failing school. How do you suggest gaining more Govenors? why do you think parents of potential students will choose runcton school (holy cross) when it is a failing school. Changing the name does not change this.Runcton has also suffered from low numbers and fewer new students, so what is to stop you closing both schools The change of uniform would be a waste of money. How can you possibly know there will only be 6 students on the role in 2023...do you all have a crystal ball? It is wrong on a moral and ethical level to try and close the school in the middle of a pandemic!</p>
1/31/2021 23:00:28	Parent / Carer	Strongly disagree	<p>The main positive for the school is the fact it is a small school so the pupils are very well taught, as the teachers have the time to spend with each individual child, no child is left out or feeling pushed out.</p>	Strongly disagree	Neutral			

2/1/2021 6:37:14	Parent / Carer	Strongly disagree	It's an extremely stressful time with COVID and our children will suffer now from closing schools. My son started wormegay primary school because his doctor recommended he attend a smaller school due to his low immune system. Wormegay primary school offers a small school environment that provides a haven for children who can't cope with the larger settings. The closure of wormegay means that our next local school would be Watlington or shouldham both huge and oversubscribed schools. There is a need for wormegay, for our children and our community.	Strongly disagree		Strongly disagree		
2/1/2021 7:56:11	Local resident	Strongly agree	Our child will be going to school in a couple of years. I would rather action was taken now to secure a school in the area rather than risk losing both	Strongly agree		Agree	Nice to give the school a new start without a name preference for one site or the other	I hope sense prevails and the long term future of children yet to start school or even yet to be born is considered ahead of resistance to change
2/1/2021 11:23:03	Grandparent	Strongly disagree	My grandson loves wormegay school all his friends are there and it is the only school he has known , I've not heard very good things regarding bullying at the other school and fear that any change at present would affect my grandsons schooling drastically	Strongly disagree	Travel times , traffic	Disagree	Names should stay the same ,my school amalgamated with a different school and changed names it just caused lots of trouble between existing pupils and new pupils coming in .	Save wormegay school
2/1/2021 13:06:07	Local resident	Strongly disagree	This makes it more difficult for staff and students who live in the local area to travel to school	Strongly disagree	The same reason as above, unless the school is going to provide transportation to and from the site and ensure the learning quality achieved is similar to the wormegay school without class sizes growing	Neutral		
2/1/2021 13:11:26	Norfolk Resident	Strongly disagree	Cost savings should not involve educational. Save the money elsewhere.	Strongly disagree	As above - this is a cost saving measure which is disguised as a merger.	Strongly disagree	As above	
2/1/2021 16:41:04	Local resident	Strongly disagree	It will have an impact on children and parents being able to move their children to the required school adding timings to journeys.	Strongly disagree	Catchments shouldn't need to be amended.	Neutral		Schooling is important and changing schools has an impact which is not needed for children.
2/1/2021 20:00:09	Parent / Carer	Strongly agree	It is in the best interests of our children. Having 4 year groups in a class is ridiculous and no child will receive a decent education let alone develop social skills that prepare them for their next steps in high school.	Strongly agree	Complete common sense	Strongly agree	Logical and complete common sense	No
2/1/2021 20:04:00	Local resident	Strongly agree	The school is too small, I dont want my kids in a class with several other year groups. I like the small school but it wrong for y3 to be with year 6 pupils - how can they all be taught properly.	Strongly agree	Why would you not offer places to those pupils at Wormegay - obvious solution	Agree	I like it	I'm fed up with people flooding Facebook trying to mount an attack on the school. Half the people dont even have an interest in the school, its just something to get worked up about in lockdown.
2/1/2021 20:20:51	Parent / Carer	Agree	If it means a better education for our children then that is the main thing	Agree		Agree		
2/1/2021 20:22:41	Parent / Carer	Strongly agree	I love wormegay school but want my children in a school where they will be able to play with children their own age.	Strongly agree	Has to happen so that they can stay with their teachers	Agree		Will we have to buy new uniforms?
2/2/2021 11:05:51	Parent / Carer	Strongly agree	It makes sense for the two schools to merge. It is in the best interest of the children to be able to mix and learn in larger groups. Social interaction is imperative for a young persons development.	Strongly agree	It is the most logical thing to do.	Agree	I have no complaint about the proposed change of name.	
2/3/2021 9:29:30	Local resident	Strongly agree	Why waste public money on two small schools when all pupils could be on one	Agree	The children have to go somewhere	Agree	It has a nice ring to it	
2/3/2021 9:31:25	Local resident	Agree	My grandson goes to one of these schools and he wants more kids his own age to play with. He's lookign forward to the chnage	Agree		Agree		
2/3/2021 13:06:35	Parent / Carer	Strongly agree	It makes the Runcton Holme site more secure and sustainable. Fewer year groups in a class	Agree		Agree		
2/3/2021 13:18:45	Parent / Carer	Neutral	I have children in both schools so I have to go to Runcton Holme school either way	Agree	Gives parents an extra choice of school	Neutral		
2/4/2021 12:03:34	Member of staff	Agree	It makes sense, the children will be under one roof getting the best from teachers and TAs instead of going between both sites.	Agree	Wormegay and Tottenhill children will already be at the school, why not include children that live there!	Neutral	We are already known as Holy Cross Federation.	As a member of staff, I'm glad to see us working as one, this will bring us closer together. I only have one worry, losing my job.
2/4/2021 13:46:10	Local resident	Strongly disagree	The extra travel required is not only bad for the environment it is unsafe for road traffic, out side Runcton Holme school is already almost unpassable at peak time to get down the road. The Increase in class sizes with fluctuating age birth rate will in time cause teach standard to fall	Strongly disagree	same as above this is alternately driven by cost savings not the interests of the children that will be taught	Strongly disagree	why change the name just to plicate the change in student groups if you want to get rid of Wormegay school then the name makes no difference	Totally wrong during the present world and is driven to give the head teacher a easy life, sorry if the true hurts
2/4/2021 14:09:06	Local resident	Agree	Dont waste money	Agree		Agree		
2/4/2021 14:10:29	Local resident	Agree	You cant even walk to Wormegay from the village, makes no difference to drive 5minutes	Agree		Agree		
2/4/2021 14:26:04	Parent / Carer	Strongly agree	Better long term security for the school	Strongly agree		Agree	Already known as Holy Cross	

2/4/2021 17:56:05	Previous parent	Strongly agree	The school is depleting so much- but it is better to keep the amazing staff in 1 school that lose all of them completely. The children will benefit from the small school at runcton with better facilities.	Strongly agree	Better to still have a village school in catchment area	Strongly agree	Fresh start building the future	
2/5/2021 10:49:27	Local resident	Strongly agree	There are many small schools in Norfolk that are suffering with low pupil numbers. Wormegay is the extreme example and if the amalgamation of wormegay and Runcton means the future of Runcton is more secure, I believe this should be the top priority. Small village schools are lovely environments for children to learn in but they need to be viable, the building needs to be safe and secure, and the learning provisions need to be suitable. Runcton has both the space and the staff to accommodate wormegay students and would mean rather than 2 schools failing, one school will flourish.	Strongly agree	Wormegay has closer schools than Runcton but due to the location of the school itself in relation to the village, families are already having to travel to the school as the school is not in the village itself, so I believe it will make little difference to the families who have to commute. Wormegay families are fortunate to have a few local schools nearby able to offer places if they do not wish to travel to Runcton. Changing the catchment of the two villages mentioned will hopefully lend towards the future pupil numbers for Runcton.	Agree	It would represent a fresh start to the new amalgamation and the name is already well associated with the federation. However I will be slightly sad to see Runcton lose its name as it has always been known as Runcton holme school in one capacity or another, since I attended there, and since it was built many many years ago. I hope a name can be chosen that will keep the schools village identity and identify it as the new Holy Cross School for the villages it serves.	I am shocked and saddened by the vitriol I have seen on social media and in the local press towards these proposals. I understand the problems small village schools face and it is not as simple as providing education to the children in the local village. Many old school buildings like wormegay are no longer fit for purpose and will take large amounts of school budgets to maintain, money that would better spent on education and learning. Many small schools lack the staff and facilities of larger schools, and the funds or space to improve. Wormegay is an example of this, already lacking adequate facilities for PE lessons and a school hall. I know how hard the staff at both schools work to provide the best for the children they teach and they do not deserve the backlash, neither does the headteacher or Demat. All of these people have only the best interests of the children at heart and want to provide them with the best outcomes in their learning. I support this proposal as a means of supporting my local village school, a place where I have many fond memories and I wish for local children to have the same opportunity to learn in a safe and secure environment as I did. It will be sad to see the closure of a lovely village school as wormegay, a school with a lot of history, but as times change, schools must adapt to provide the best possible education for our children and I believe the proposals to merge with Runcton will provide all children an future generations the best possible.
2/7/2021 18:11:23	Local resident	Strongly disagree	It is a beautiful thing to have a small school option for your child. It is so rare now to find a small class size, and the feeling that your child will benefit from more personable care. I understand that most things come down to money in the end, but some benefits you can't put a price on. It will be another small school closure from our local villages, and all children currently attending will be pushed aside as if they are not cared for. I understand there is the option to move over and form a bigger school, but the Ofsted is not looking promising and who is to guarantee this school will not be closed too?	Neutral	I do not feel that I can comment on this properly. I would not be sending my child to Runcton if they attended Wormegay as I do not feel the two schools match up in terms of standards.	Strongly disagree	I do not think this name is a good idea. I understand it is a religious school but as stated on the website, it is open to all children of all faiths. This name does not reflect that. It also again loses the beauty of being a small, local school with a local name and becomes a completely unfamiliar name for all children currently attending and those moving over with some prior knowledge of the school.	If lots of children attending are children with SEN, surely this should be considered when closing the school. What sort of upheaval will this cause families and children? Has the damaging effect this will have on mental health been appropriately cost?
2/7/2021 22:36:17	Local resident	Strongly agree	Too small a school can have a negative effect on children by not having bigger friendship groups.	Strongly agree	This would be a positive effect on Runcton Holme school to flourish and improve.	Strongly agree	Fresh start gives fresh impetus to not only the staff but more importantly the children going forward. Its a chance to change things for the better and offer much more of a positive experience for all concerned.	I believe that continuing having both schools remaining open is a drain on resources, Wormagay cannot offer the whole experience and meet the needs of the children due to falling numbers of children attending. I believe for the children this will be an exciting and positive outcome and a change for the better.
2/8/2021 16:38:01	Local resident	Strongly agree	The children would benefit from increased facilities and a better enclosed outdoor space for early years children, outdoor playing facilities. It is vitally important to their development at such young ages.	Strongly agree	The children from these facilities will still be able to access education at Runcton holme. Would be so important to gain more interaction with other children. I feel the extra facilities would be beneficial all round	Strongly agree	New name and fresh start and adding the word Academy will enhance the school	No
2/8/2021 20:52:36	Parent / Carer	Neutral	Runcton Holme school always have the childrens best interests at heart and we are happy that any decisions you make will be for the greater of the children.	Agree	The wider the catchment area the higher chance of new enrollments.	Strongly disagree	Our children are the third generation to attend Runcton Holme School, the school is in the village of Runcton Holme therefore it should not lose its identity of being a village school. We feel the above suggested name change will no longer have the same meaning as the existing name. Some things are best left unchanged.	
2/9/2021 9:47:30	Local resident	Agree	Seems to be the right thing to do	Agree		Agree		

2/9/2021 11:42:26	Local resident	Strongly disagree	Poor timing of consultation given pandemic, lack of information and awareness for local residents regarding the impact that this closure will have on our community after 150 years of a valued local school.	Strongly disagree	Lack of local consultation and awareness of the impact of this decision for this community, and poor case made for the amalgamation for local residents.	Disagree	A 'primary school' size is different to the scale suggested by the change to 'Academy'	This method of consultation is NOT inclusive and expansive enough, and NO other options or suggestions have been offered for consideration by local residents. The impact of this decision will affect local village halls, local family housing, local amenities and the very concept of village life by removing centres of activity (in this case, by making education more remote) which very often sap the general well being of our community life.
2/9/2021 11:48:17	Member of staff	Disagree	The importance of the school in the community, but I also understand why the decision has been made.	Agree	It's what is necessary	Neutral	It's just a shame but again understandable	
2/9/2021 12:09:04	Parent / Carer	Agree		Agree		Neutral		
2/9/2021 12:11:02	Parent / Carer	Agree	With falling numbers of children at both sites, it makes sense to combine both the sites.	Neutral	I don't mind what the catchment area is.	Disagree	I would prefer the school to stay as Runcton Holme CoFE Primary School as it identifies where the school is. The Holy Cross Primary Academy could be anywhere.	
2/9/2021 14:13:11	Parent / Carer	Strongly disagree	Highly recommend wormegay school	Strongly disagree	No parking at runcton school dangerous as school gate open onto main road	Strongly disagree	Well are the going to change the name of the village if they are going to change the school name	Wormegay is the best my kids have ever bin to
2/9/2021 15:48:00	Local resident	Strongly disagree	It is a school which many of the children rely on in surrounding villages which provides a closer and more personal learning to the children who need more one on one learning to flourish.	Agree	I don't think this would negatively effect the school	Neutral	The name does not change my views on the school.	
2/9/2021 18:47:48	Teacher at another school	Agree	As a teacher at another local small school I have seen the consultation paperwork and can vouch that fewer year groups in a class will help the teachers teach. It is very difficult to accommodate so many different curricula in a single class, the proposal would remove this difficulty	Strongly agree	This has to happy to allow those pupils a school place and not cause undue pressure on other local schools	Agree	A new name for a new start is nice but not altogether necessary	
2/9/2021 22:13:54	Parent / Carer	Strongly disagree	This would be a detrimental loss to the area of Wormegay and surrounding villages. Wormegay School brings the communitys together of all villages supporting local children in their local home / community environment. If Wormegay school is not supposedly doing well and needs shutting, why has my daughter been moved up from year one to year two as she doing so well and needs more intense education of a higher year. This is credit to the school and staff there who knows my daughter on a one to one basis and know here unique needs. This is because of the very close community that the school is as of the low numbers of children and the staff have more of an understading of the children on a one to one basis. The staff and school at Wormegay are outstanding it is a unique school it would be a massive loss to the area, children, staff. Wormegay School should be moved into be an academy school not closed down.	Strongly disagree	Runcton Holme school is not local to the area of Wormegay or Tottenham or Setchy and Watlington. It would not be practical and would not be beneficial / fair to the named areas to travel to Runcton Holme. Wormegay school is needed to fill this space / area where there is a gap in schooling and a need for this school in the local area of Wormegay. There is also no local service transport for locals from Wormegay school to travel to Runcton Holme school and back. This would increase traveling time, millage, costs, parking, increased class number, a reduction in children's education as staff would be overwhelmed with an increase in class numbers, more stress and strain on staff and children. The local Area is always expanding with more and more buildings going up and more public services required as of the booming population, the closure of Wormegay school this would put more of a strain on the local area and services open for the booming population. We need to keep as many public services open as we can not shut them.	Strongly disagree	This is a community school the centre of Runcton Holme and the name should be retained the same as the community it resides in. You should turn Runcton Holme into an Academy and Wormegay into an academy and have two separate schools.	Turn Wormegay School into an academy school and keep it independent and within our local area / community as its required. Wormegay school has been constructively run into the ground by management to create the position of closing it down is the only option we strongly believe.
2/10/2021 16:29:51	Former student	Strongly disagree	I am a 12 year old student now in Year 8 of high school. I formerly attended Wormegay CofE Primary from Year 3 to Year 6 after leaving a much larger primary school in order to come to Wormegay. It was a warm, friendly and helpful enviroment for me to learn in, and I thoroughly enjoyed the time I spent at the school. The teachers were very kind, understanding and did everything in their power in order to coach students through work or times they found difficult. When I was ten I was diagnosed with depression and having thoughts of committing suicide, and the school stood alongside me and helped me through what I was struggling with. They tackled my poor mental health and supported me throughout it all. The school brought in a therapist to have a weekly session for me to be helped with my mental health. My life was shaped into a much better one, and that was all thanks to Wormegay Primary. I truly believe I would not be where I am today without their never-ending support to me and all other students.	Disagree	There should be no need to increase the catchment area if Wormegay is not shut down. Runcton Holme already struggles with the amount of parking area required for their number of students, and increasing the catchment will just bring more traffic into the area. It's unnecessary.	Strongly disagree	Changing the name serves no purpose whatsoever and it would most likely do nothing but make the process of changing schools for those currently attending Wormegay much harder if it were to happen, as they have always known their sister school as 'Runcton.' For some students such as my sister, who I am fairly suffers from ADHD, it would make everything incredibly confusing, making things seem as if they were attending a brand new school which they have never heard of and have no affiliations with. There is also the issue of all uniforms then needing to be changed to include the new school name and/or logo; this may be much too expensive for some parents, especially with the current situation where the world is under lockdown from COVID-19.	
2/13/2021 12:17:58	Parent / Carer	Strongly disagree	It seems decision has been made already, despite consultation.	Strongly disagree		Strongly disagree	It's not necessary.	

2/14/2021 15:13:39	Local resident	Strongly disagree	This is a long standing village school which should cater for village children	Strongly disagree	It will be a massive area thus class sizes will be bigger than they should be for young children	Strongly disagree	It's always been runcton Holmes school even when I attended many years ago	Your proposal has travel implications for parents , road congestion and the local environment which means that you will be increasing pollution and people's carbon footprint
2/15/2021 10:10:27	Local resident	Strongly disagree	Increase of traffic in local area to Runcton Holme School/ risk to neighbouring properties Academy would have to provide a safe parking/ drop off zone to accommodate increase in traffic/ persons visiting school, which is already exceeding what local road/ area can cope with. Current parents/ staff to RH school already disrespect the neighbouring properties and use driveways as their turn around/ parking spaces, causing risk to personal property, trespassing and unnecessary stress as neighbours cannot access road during peak times.	Strongly disagree	Increase of traffic in local area to Runcton Holme School/ risk to neighbouring properties Academy would have to provide a safe parking/ drop off zone to accommodate increase in traffic/ persons visiting school, which is already exceeding what local s can cope with. Current parents/ staff to RH school already disrespect the neighbouring properties and use driveways as their turn around/ parking spaces, causing risk to personal property, trespassing and unnecessary stress as neighbours cannot access road during peak times.	Neutral		Parking & drop off points would need to be separately provided for the increase of visitors to the road/ staff and visitors to the school to not disrupt neighbouring properties. School Road and it' s residents already have to deal with the disrespect of parents, visitors and staff treating our access to properties and the road itself; something separate and NOT the road itself would need to be thought of. Also, cannot stress how much I feel for the villages of Wormegay, Tottenhill and surrounding upon having their local school closed. A school is meant to be at the heart of a community. To close a school that's obviously so highly regarded would be an awful loss to those people and would again show disrespect to the community. The increase of traffic to the already busy roads surrounding the area would cause issue too. This is an awful consideration that I hope will be set aside and profits, or whatever the main contribution factor is, be seen as not the priority! But the education to local children in the heart of an obvious close knit and deserving village
2/15/2021 10:53:42	Parent / Carer	Agree		Strongly agree		Agree		
2/15/2021 10:57:25	Local resident	Strongly agree	Much better for kids to be with their own age	Strongly agree		Agree		
2/15/2021 17:28:47	Local resident	Agree	Better for the education of the pupils with less year groups in a class	Strongly agree	Larger catchment is better for the future of the schools	Agree		
2/15/2021 20:40:08	Local resident	Strongly agree	As a prospective parent in the future I don't think the school is big enough to be able to teach children in each school year to their full potential as too many ages groups are taught together	Disagree	I would prefer wormegay catchment area to be part of Shouldham school as its closer and has better facilities for children	Neutral		
2/20/2021 22:57:48	Ex student / Local resident	Strongly disagree	Because this school brings this community together and provided me with a great base into my life. The risk of losing Wormegay primary school will be devastating for the community and the children	Strongly disagree	This is unfair , if other schools are closer why would you make them travel further then they have to. That isn't helping our environment.	Strongly disagree	The name of the school is part of its history	It is awful to me that someone would even think of taking away something that means so much to do many people. Especially during these times.
2/23/2021 19:06:16	Member of staff/Local Resident	Agree	I feel it's the best outcome for both schools.	Agree	This would bring in more children from a wider catchment area.	Strongly disagree	The village of Runcton Holme has had a village school since 1839, with many three or four generations of the same families attending and still attending. Why the need to change the name? obviously it's due to the proposed amalgamations with Wormegay. I personally do not feel the name should be changed to Holy Cross Academy, both villages would lose their identity, why not Runcton Holme and Wormegay Church of England Primary School. Maybe this would help parents etc. from Wormegay accept the proposed amalgamation more favourably if their identity was kept. In conclusion virtually all Norfolk village schools hold the same name as their villages. Holy Cross Academy is fine but it could be just anywhere in the country.	
2/25/2021 14:18:25	Parent / Carer	Agree		Agree		Agree		
2/26/2021 15:05:46	Local resident	Agree	It would be beneficial for all the children to have an extra class/teacher. It would be financially economic regards costs of heating, etc. It would be better for the headteacher to remain in one school.	Agree	It would be beneficial for all the children to have an extra class/teacher. It would be financially economic regards costs of heating, etc. It would be better for the headteacher to remain in one school.	Strongly disagree	When pupils take part in any activities representing the village school, people will not know where 'The Holy Cross Primary Academy' is. Runcton Holme should remain the name. Three generations of my family have attended Runcton Holme CofE Primary School and I would be sorry to see the name changed.	If and when Wormegay School is sold, the proceeds from the sale should be reinvested into more facilities at Runcton Holme school for the benefit of the present and future children.

3/2/2021 7:48:08	Parent / Carer	Strongly disagree	My daughter needs additional assistance with her learning and receives this with more 1-1 time with her teachers and assistants. She struggles with larger groups and has expressed that she doesn't like going to Runcton. She's already worried about returning to Wormegay. The teachers know Her well and understand her needs; having more students around they aren't going to be able to be there for her as they have been before and that's even if she still has the same teachers. Wormegay is within walking distance for us, moving to runcton means having to drive to a school with limited parking available, there's always a lot of cars on the road which makes visibility tricky, and on the occasions we have been to runcton, it's felt unsafe trying to get across the road. While Wormegay is on a busy road, there's plenty of visibility to be able to cross. Should the school close, there would then be no encouragement for new families to move into the area which would be terrible for the villages.	Neutral		Neutral		
3/2/2021 10:52:12	Local resident	Strongly disagree		Strongly disagree		Strongly disagree		
3/2/2021 19:25:37	Local resident	Agree	If it means more kids can be educated then good	Agree		Neutral		
3/2/2021 19:48:05	Local resident	Agree	I want to be able to know there will be a school to send my child to in the future	Agree	It means they will have a place	Agree		
3/3/2021 18:54:03	Local resident	Agree	One viable school is better than two non-viable for the future of all our children	Agree	It is the best option available.	Strongly disagree	There is nothing wrong with the existing name; School is a place that provides primary and secondary education. Academy is a place that provides higher education in a specialized field. Too much bandying about of the word Academy - Runcton Holme and Wormegay Cof E Primary school would be better if it needs to change at all.	How will transport be managed?
3/4/2021 22:54:25	Parent / Carer	Strongly disagree	Wormegay school was built in 1839, some 181years ago. After 6 years of DEMAT managing the school you want to close it. This is either an act of gross negligence or wilful destruction and a pure cost cutting exercise by people who should be custodians of Christian values and education. The Ofstead grading has dropped, and there has been no effort by DEMAT to encourage new starters to boost the pupil numbers.	Strongly disagree	Our children have loved the very fact Wormegay is a "small" school, and enjoy the high level of pupil/staff interaction. It makes for an enjoyable learning environment that cherishes love and togetherness, helping mould the children into outgoing, resourceful, friendly and tolerant people - ready for the rigours of further education and the challenges of life ahead. I do not think that announcing the plans, at Christmas time, during a national lockdown, and holding a "public consultation", over zoom, at 7pm, on a school night, when parents could not get babysitters and where many interested parties could not / did not attend is not wholly transparent or fair. Wormegay school is a vital part of the Wormegay and Tottenhill community, and its loss will be widespread and profound.	Strongly disagree	To proceed with the proposed closure and amalgamation during a global pandemic, which has tested everyone's resolve and profoundly changed life for many individuals and families, is unbelievable. At a time when we should be doing everything we can to help one another it is just plain wrong and immoral - and goes against so many of our Christian values and beliefs. The children want to get back to the familiarity of the school day and learn and play with friends and teachers. The children do not want to go to Runcton School. It is also extremely short sighted to close Wormegay in light of the pandemic. The forecast of 6 pupils by 2023 is just that - a "guess". We can expect an increase in the number of families moving from built up areas to remote villages as a lifestyle choice - a modern trend never mind the pandemic. It is also widely known about the 4000 homes that are under planning permission at west winch, and that WILL go ahead - who will obviously need school places in due course.	In DEMAT's consultation document, it cites that it does not have any reserves to help fund the upkeep and running of Wormegay school, whilst also reporting an operating profit for 2019/20 of £489,652, and a carried forward revenue of £4,436,727. Wormegay has previously run with a positive cost balance, only negative by 35K last year (and by £700 the year before). Wormegay is also the "2nd cheapest school" when looking at the levels of expenditure compared to other academies. These are recent issues that can be solved with time and effort and help from DEMAT to boost pupil numbers. It is apparent from reading DEMATS accounts that it has reported two members of staff earning between 80-90K and one earning 130-140K for the last financial year, that were not previously paid. How can DEMAT justify paying these salaries (as well as the 21 other job roles paying between 60-80K) when it has underperforming schools or schools that it says it cannot afford to run and must close them? Scandalous. The staff salaries and pension commitments are increasing by millions every year!!!! IT IS THE STAFFING COSTS AND PENSION POT THAT IS THE BLACK HOLE LOOMING OVER DEMAT'S FUTURE AS A "GOING CONCERN", NOT WORMEGAY SCHOOL. "Children are at the heart of all we do"....." Aspirational, yet sustainable" more like: "feather your own nests, whilst destroying others" ?????
3/5/2021 9:35:23	Member of staff	Agree	I feel this is the right decision to provide the best education for all pupils. Although I still feel it is sad to close a school and that's why I can't strongly agree with the proposal.	Strongly agree	A wider catchment area would be needed to make sure that children in the future can attend this school (otherwise they will go elsewhere) this will hopefully keep numbers reasonable at Runcton Holme so that the future of this school remains.	Neutral	It would be sad for Runcton Holme to lose its school name and if this was happening in my village I would be strongly disagreeing with this proposal. However for the Wormegay children to feel included I feel 'Holy Cross CofE Primary Academy' would help them to feel part of the school.	

3/5/2021 9:39:36	Representative of Norfolk County Council - Partnership Adviser	Agree	Norfolk County Council operates on the basis of a presumption against the closure of rural schools. Having reviewed the demographics of the area we can see the validity of the Academy's case that an amalgamation of the two schools represents a more sustainable proposition for pupils in the area and enables the Trust to consolidate on the best practice they are delivering.	Agree	We note the change of catchment and are reassured that all Wormegay pupils have been guaranteed a place within the Trust. Any parents who do not wish to take up this offer will be able to take part in a Pupil placement exercise organised by the NCC.	Agree	It helps aligns with a wider family of schools.	If there are any unforeseen issues that have arisen as a result of the consultation process, please do not hesitate to contact me
3/5/2021 14:40:57	Local resident	Strongly agree	Separately, neither are financially viable.	Strongly agree	To keep schools on one site to make viable.	Strongly disagree	Runcton Holme and Wormegay CofE Primary Schools. Holy Cross is too antiquated and back to the time of King Richard and the Crusades.	Rather than a new uniform which the pupils will soon grow out of, issue a dress code and an embroidered badge to sew on.
3/5/2021 15:11:34	Grandparent	Strongly disagree	<p>Wormegay School gives a valuable community hub for the residents of Wormegay and those living close by and is the essence of rural life. It provides a wonderful foundation in education for the families who choose that way of life and feel that it is the best start they can give their children.</p> <p>Primary School opens up the path for learning. I cannot agree with 'the bigger the better' or 'the more staff the wider expertise available' outweighing a smaller close knit environment where the teacher knows the child's character and needs in far greater depth. There is nothing a child cherishes more than being understood.</p> <p>With todays technology whatever a parent or child wishes to try or attempt to learn about outside of school is only the press of a button away and available by choice of the parent or child. The Children who attend Wormegay School do not lose out in any way because of the size of the building, the number of teachers and classes or the resources available. The Parents Group are very active at raising funds and receive great support.</p> <p>Primary school should open up a child's mind to make learning an enjoyable experience and Wormegay School in its size and setting provides an abundance in this and paves the way for a healthy progression to secondary school which is invaluable.</p>	Strongly disagree	<p>Runcton Holme School is the other side of the A34 and further the other side of the A10. The School has no parking available and is an absolute death trap - an accident waiting to happen even with the small number of children who already attend. Increasing numbers of cars and small children at drop off and pick up times will only exacerbate the problem. The Runcton Holme Social Club car park is not a child friendly parking area once more than 4 or 5 cars use it at the same time. Provision of a school bus is no consolation to families who choose to live in a village and walk to school because they don't want their children to be bussed to primary school.</p> <p>Runcton Holme is not even the closest School to Wormegay and Tottenhill. Is this an attempt to improve Runcton Holmes Ofsted standing at the expense of the children who attend Wormegay?</p>	Disagree	<p>Not only do Runcton Holme lose their identity as a community issue but so do Wormegay. The Holy Cross Primary Academy relates to who? Certainly no suggestion of Runcton Holme, Tottenhill or Wormegay in that name.</p> <p>Having read DEMAT's consultation document, it is somewhat confusing as to the reason for the present suddenly negative cost balance of 35K last year. I think DEMAT should be expending energy into how it is viable to keeping small schools open and attracting teachers to posts in these small schools. Projected falling numbers are just that PROJECTION. How can DEMAT say what will emerge from the Co-vid Pandemic - we have been inundated with suggestions from all walks of media that all that matters in this life is family, togetherness, helping each other - all very strong traits at Wormegay School - so why push to close a school that provides all of this and much more. Who knows, there may be an increase in families with young children moving to the countryside as a result of the Pandemic. Wormegay numbers may increase after a slight fall. You should be working your very hardest to keep schools such as Wormegay open not patting yourselves on your backs and raising your own salaries without as much of a thought of the children who love Wormegay School and thrive there.</p> <p>THE MONEY IS THERE - IT IS YOUR RESPONSIBILITY TO MANAGE IT.</p>	