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### Appendix 3c – Pupil Consultation Feedback

Following the detail highlighted in section 5 of the main report further information captured as part of the pupil consultation is enclosed in this appendix. The feedback has been analysed and grouped based on themes and key messages.

Please note at Birdsedge conversations took place with School Council and a question and answer session was held. At Shelley First School pupils answered some but not all questions.

1. Do you agree with the proposal for Kirkburton and Scissett Middle Schools, Birdsedge and Shelley First Schools to form a new Multi-Academy Trust (MAT)?  
Yes                      No                      Don't Know

If no, please say why

**Scissett:**

**Yes – 60%**

**No – 6%**

**Don't Know – 34%**

**Kirkburton:**

**Yes – 745**

**No - 45**

**Don't know – 18**

**Money** – we may have less money as a school, we could go bankrupt. Uniforms are expensive if we change them.

**Reputational** – what if others have bad reputations? School is fine at the moment so doesn't need to change

**Nervous of change** – don't want anything to change, like things the way they are now. We don't know many people in Kirkburton and Shelley. We are doing fine so why change?

**Lack of understanding** – don't understand the proposal and situation. It's confusing, will being an academy improve the school? If not, what's the point? Why are first schools joining Middle Schools? Why should we support other schools that maybe need improving? Will everyone be in one school?

**Curriculum** – should change and lead to up to Shelley College



**Misc** - I think it's a rubbish idea. Like being on our own. Holidays – will they be different meaning we can't go on holiday with our brothers or sisters? Just not sure. No point.

2. Our new Multi Academy Trust needs a name. Below is a shortlist of 6, please vote for the one which is your preference or alternatively if you have any other suggestions please add in the space provided. (please add the number of votes next to each name)

- Yorkshire Pennines Academy Trust
- The Rose of Yorkshire Academy Trust **2<sup>nd</sup> CHOICE** (SMS + KMS+SFS)
- Huddersfield Academy Trust **1<sup>st</sup> CHOICE** (SMS + KMS+SFS)
- The Valley Academy Trust
- Pinnacle Academy Trust
- The Viaduct Academy Trust

Additional name ideas here:

#### Geographical:

(The) Kirklees Academy Trust.  
Kirklees Pyramid Academy Trust.

The Kirkburton Academy.  
Scissett Academy (Trust).

The Dales Academy Trust.

Pennines Academy

The (West) Yorkshire Academy Trust.

Shelley First MAT

KSS, Scissett, Shelley, Kirkburton Academy.

KSSK A.T (Kirklees Shelley Scissett Kirkburton Academy Trust).

KSS or SSK Academy Trust.

The Huddersfield AT.  
Trust.

The Dearne Valley Academy

West Yorkshire Academy Trust.

Huddersfield Academy.

The Heart of Yorkshire Academy Trust.

Huddersfield Academy School

The Yorkshire Valley Academy trust.

Kirkburton Peaks

Huddersfield and Calderdale Academy Trust.

The Pennine Viaduct Trust

Awesome Yorkshire



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**Rose link:**

The Tudor Rose Academy Trust.

The White Rose of Kirklees Academy Trust.

(The) Yorkshire Rose Academy Trust. **'VERY POPULAR'**

The White Rose Academy Trust.

The Red/White Rose Yorkshire Academy.

The Valley Rose Academy Trust.

Red Rose.

**General:**

The Valhalla Academy.

English Academy Trust.

The Together Trust (TTT).

Achieve Academy Trust.

The Academy Trust.

Flower Field Academy Trust.

Omega

Apex

Academy Trust for Life

The Valley Rose...

Hilltop

Independence

The Innocent Trust (TIT).

The Megamix Academy Trust.

National Academy Trust.

The Leaf Academy Trust.

United Schools Academy Trust.

Ultimate Academy

Adapt

The Best...

The Pie Academy Trust

Edge Academy Trust

The Triangle

MAT United

*Do not have the word Trust on the end of it.*



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3. Should we keep the name of the school the same?

Yes                      No                      Don't Know

If no, please state why you think it should change

<b>Scissett:</b>	<b>Yes – 60%</b>	<b>No – 17%</b>	<b>Don't Know – 23%</b>
<b>Kirkburton:</b>	<b>Yes – 60%</b>	<b>No – 20%</b>	<b>Don't know – 20%</b>
<b>Shelley:</b>	<b>Yes - 158</b>	<b>No - 16</b>	<b>Don't know - 0</b>

Responses to this question were varied however there were themes which included:

**Timing** - Time for a change if the school is changing status and being part of a bigger group. Signals a change outside the school and that we are now an academy

**Brand Identity** - Is our school name making an impact? It seems boring. Is it professional? Needs to be exciting, more powerful and sound more together. Would like a mature name. Academy sounds more formal

Remove the word 'middle'

**Confusion** - in the community if the name changes?

**Not bothered**

Possible variations of names: Scissett Academy / Scissett Middle Academy / Scissett Valley Academy / Skelmanthorpe Secondary Modern School.

4. Should we keep the uniform the same?

Yes                      No                      Don't Know

If no, why do you think it should change?

<b>Scissett:</b>	<b>Yes – 35%</b>	<b>No – 45%</b>	<b>Don't Know – 20%</b>
<b>Kirkburton:</b>	<b>Yes - 21%</b>	<b>No - 62%</b>	<b>Don't Know - 17%</b>
<b>Shelley:</b>	<b>Yes 121</b>	<b>No 45</b>	<b>Don't mind 2</b>



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Responses to this question were varied however there were themes which included:

**Blazers & ties** – pupils believe blazers and ties will look better / be smarter and it will be easier to wear in the summer weather. Ties are easy to lose. There was an overwhelming interest in the school looking at blazers as part of their uniform.

**Cost** - if it changed we need to consider the cost for families and how we phase out old uniforms and phase in new uniforms. Still think we need to change it even if more expensive

**Colour** – current uniform is too dark and dull. Don't like what we have now it's boring and plain.

**Timing** – it's time for a change

**Jumpers** – all schools should have the MAT name on but have different colours per school or same uniform but different ties.

**General** - A small number of responses requested shorts for boys and polo shirts and no ties. A summer uniform. Relax the rules. No uniform.

5. Any other comments or questions?

- **Denotes a response from Scissett**

- **Denotes a response from Kirkburton**

5.1 Uniform / Branding:

- Could change the logo?
- What would the change of uniform be?
- Will we be called Scissett Academy?
- Keep the name the same on the uniform but add the academy on the letters and signs.
- Don't change the names of the schools.
- Can we have blazers?
- Can the pupils design the badge/logo?
- Keep the name the same on the uniform but add the academy on the letters and signs.
- Will the teachers have a uniform?
- Will we be able to carry our bags around with us?
- Change the school logo



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## 5.2 Curriculum:

- Will the level system change? (Target, Almost, Met, Enhanced).
  - 2 Music lessons, 1 less Maths lesson.
  - If there will be changes to the curriculum how big will the changes be?
  - Could we have extra subjects that children request like intervention P.E or Art.
  - Will there be subjects added/eliminated or will the curriculum within our current subjects be changed?
  - I think that Citizenship lessons should raise more awareness about different issues people face like different social stigmas that different people face that we're not exposed to.
  - Teach more PE and Tech plus a modern foreign language.
  - We should have a room fully dedicated to IT.
  - Please teach World War 2 in History.
  - Drama lessons.
  - More PE requested on numerous occasions
  - Homework Policy – lunchtime detentions, back to old policy.
  - Bigger library
  - Lockers
  - Can we go back to levels instead of hexagons?
  - Swimming lessons
  - Go on trips together, maybe reduce the cost?
  - Computers in the mobile classrooms
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- Will the timetable/lessons change and will we have more lessons?
  - Will this change the sports department and competing?
  - Will we go on more school trips?
  - Will we have a climbing area?
  - Have a proper football pitch on the AWP at lunch. Be able to use a football at lunch instead of a tennis ball.
  - Will we specialise in a particular subject?
  - Will we go on more trips?
  - I think we should use the money to improve our computers.
  - We should have a common room.
  - Can we have Spanish lessons?
  - Can we have a sports centre and swimming pool?



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### 5.3 School day:

- Less hours.
  - Will the times be the same for lessons and for coming to school and leaving?  
Change the end of the day time.
  - Would we keep the same schedule, food and holidays?
  - Could we get cheaper holidays by changing the holiday times?
  - Will we have a two week timetable?
  - More down days, maybe every 3 weeks?
- Can we have longer school days so we can have longer holidays?
- If we change the holidays will the other schools change theirs?

### 5.4 General:

- I hope you upgrade the toilets.
  - Why are we changing to be an academy?
  - What are the benefits to being an academy, I don't get it.
  - I would really like it because the school would be better.
  - Is there anything bad about being an academy?
  - Admissions – will brothers and sisters still be able to come to the academy? Will those in the MAT first schools get a higher preference to others not in the MAT?
  - Why do we need to do this?
  - Will there be more money available?
  - Can we get a new sports hall?
- Why should Year 8s fill in the questionnaire?
- Will we have a say about how the money is spent?
- Can we improve the food at lunchtime?
- Will the staff stay the same?
- Will we see the pupils from the other schools more?
- Will we be able to build more?
- Why is it Scissett Middle and Shelley First School?
- How much more money would we have to spend as an academy?
- Can we keep our phones on us? Can we have a 'Phone Zone' at lunch and break-time?
- Bring juice instead of water
- Will working in other schools affect us in any way?
- What does it require to become an academy?
- What are the benefits of being an academy? Why are we doing it now?
- I think we should stay as we are. We are happy as we are.
- Will other schools be joining?