

# Davigdor Infants' School

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Item 85: Proposed Amalgamation of Davigdor Infant School and Somerhill Junior School

Appendix 4a: Response from the governing body of Davigdor Infant School

Dear Jo

## **Proposed amalgamation of Davigdor Infant School and Somerhill Junior School**

The governors of Davigdor met last night to discuss the final figures and comments resulting from the consultation process which ended on 27<sup>th</sup> February. The vote which followed this discussion was in favour (8:0) of asking the Local Authority to progress to the next stage in the amalgamation process i.e. the publishing of statutory notices.

Thus, on behalf of the Governing Body of Davigdor Infant School, I ask that we progress to the next stage in the amalgamation process.

The consultation process was made more difficult at Davigdor than we feel it needed to have been. In the Autumn term the governors inadvertently misled the staff by assuring them that, if an amalgamation went ahead, there would be no reduction in the overall budget. We gave this assurance because on three occasions we were told this by you and your staff. However, once the consultation process began, we learnt otherwise.

For the development of trust and better communication in the partnership between Davigdor and the Local Authority, the budget reduction should have been made clear from the very beginning of our joint discussions. This would have avoided some of the comments and questions the Governing Body is now having to re-address.

Yours sincerely,

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Chair of Governors.



