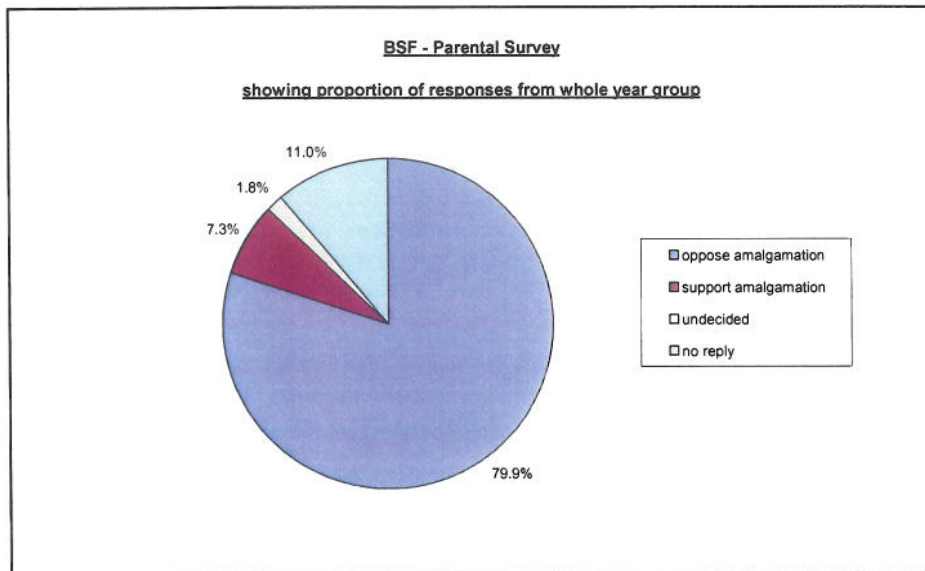


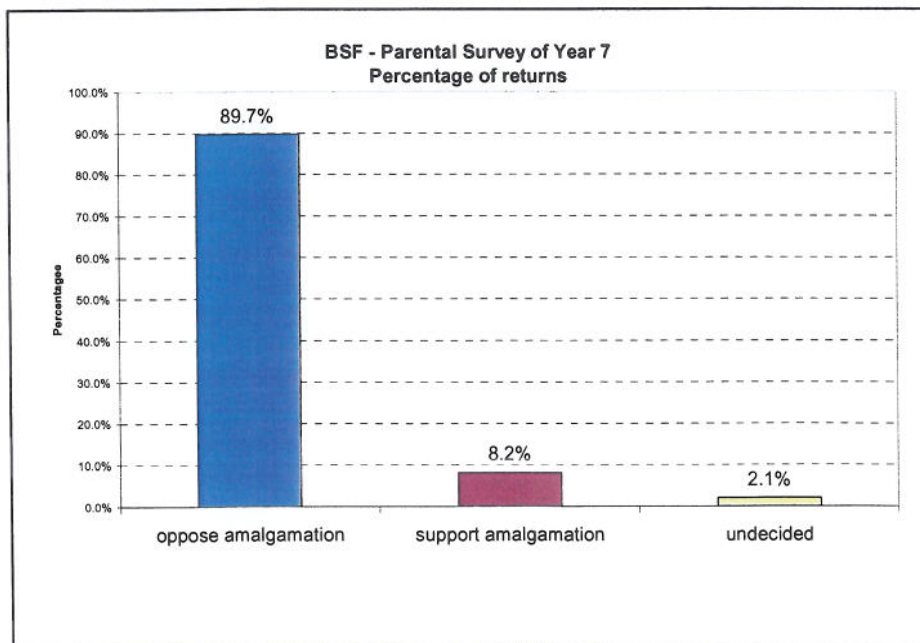
BSF – The Swinton High School (Sept 2010)
Stakeholder Views on Amalgamation

Summary Analysis – Year 7

- 146 Parents/Carers have responded to the survey, which is 89% of the whole year group.
- 131 Parents/Carers (approximately 80% of the cohort, and nearly 90% of the stakeholders that responded) oppose the proposed closure and amalgamation of The Swinton High School.



The following graph shows the responses as a percentage of the surveys returned.



Some of the reasons for opposing the proposed closure and amalgamation are as follows:

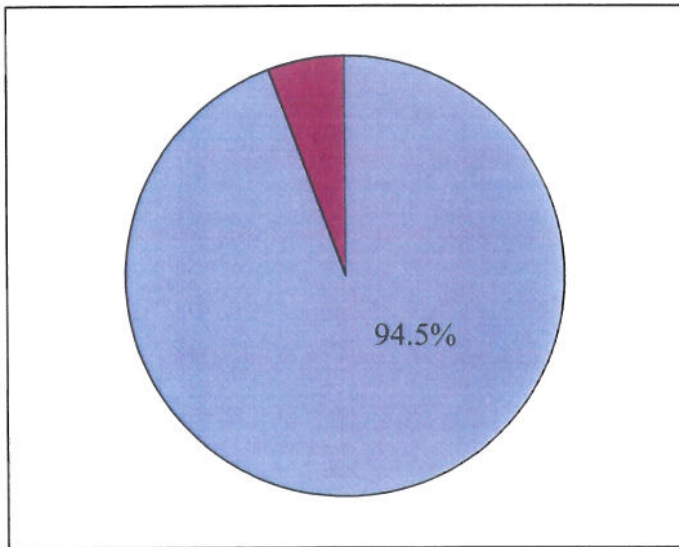
- This would affect my three daughters, two of which are on the SEN register. TSHS has been outstanding in improving my eldest daughter with her dyslexia. I feel that my other daughter's educational needs would suffer greatly.
 - The school is good enough as a school in its own right.
 - Leave an excellent school alone – you will spoil what this incredible school has!
 - I believe it will lower standards achieved at The Swinton High School.
 - I prefer TSHS to stay as it is, I oppose the idea of amalgamation. I am pleased with the record and progress of kids at the Swinton High. My daughter has shown so much interest in what the school does, as a result very good results are always produced.
 - The Swinton High School is an excellent school in its own right; it deserves to be left alone.
 - I think with having children already in this school that they do a great job as they are and that by doing this (amalgamation) it will change.
 - My son will have to travel a lot further to school, which will include crossing many major roads.
 - Too big a school – children would be insignificant.
 - Big schools have not really had a good record.
 - It's a shambles – went to the last meeting and they couldn't even answer a simple question.
 - The school is doing really well and any amalgamation could jeopardise the progress.
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- 12 Parents/Carers supported the proposed closure and amalgamation of The Swinton High School. Of these 12, only 3 gave reasons, and they are:
 - Don't mind because we want better facilities for our child.
 - Only because of the two or three specialist subjects joining together and a new school – children's outlook would be better and it would be a boost for staff morale.
 - The pupils will benefit more from the specialist subjects from each school.
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- 3 Parents/Carers were undecided, choosing to wait for more information.

The Swinton High school's year 9 of Sep 2010 parents' opinions on the proposed amalgamation with Moorside High school in 2013.

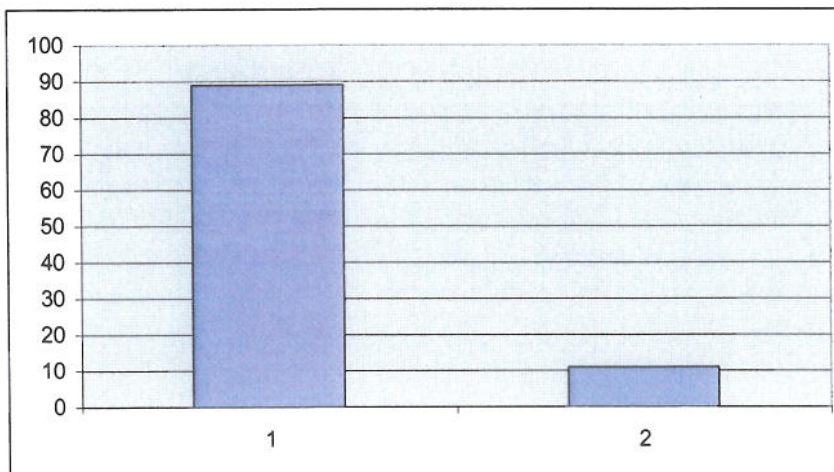
At the year 8 parents evening on July 13th 2010 parents were asked to give their opinion on whether they opposed or supported the proposed closure and amalgamation of The Swinton High School.

Parents who were unable to attend the parents evening were then contacted by school and their opinion was recorded.

Out of a year group of 203 pupils 192 parents expressed an opinion; 94.5% of the year group.



Out of these 192 parents 11% (2) said that they supported the amalgamation and 89% (1) said that they were opposed to the amalgamation going ahead.



Parents were asked to give an optional comment about the amalgamation. Some of these included the following:

'There will be too many children in one building'

'Big does not always mean better'

'Lots of children will have too far to travel to school'

'I feel that in such a big school my child will not get the attention she does now.'

'Smaller schools cater better for individuals.'

'We are a High performing school. Why mend something that is not broken?'

'Lowers education with big class sizes.'

'Far too big a school- lose the personal touch.'

'Bad idea for special needs students.'

'Swinton is a smaller school and I feel that if they were to amalgamate the pupils would lose out on the 'family feel' of the school.'

'The school seems to be doing fine on its own.'

'There is no need to merge the schools. Swinton is doing well on its own, merging will not help.'