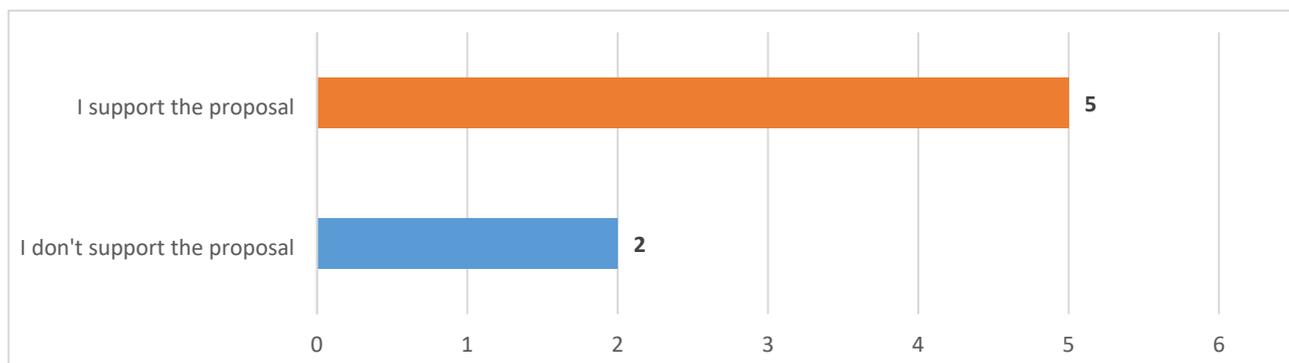


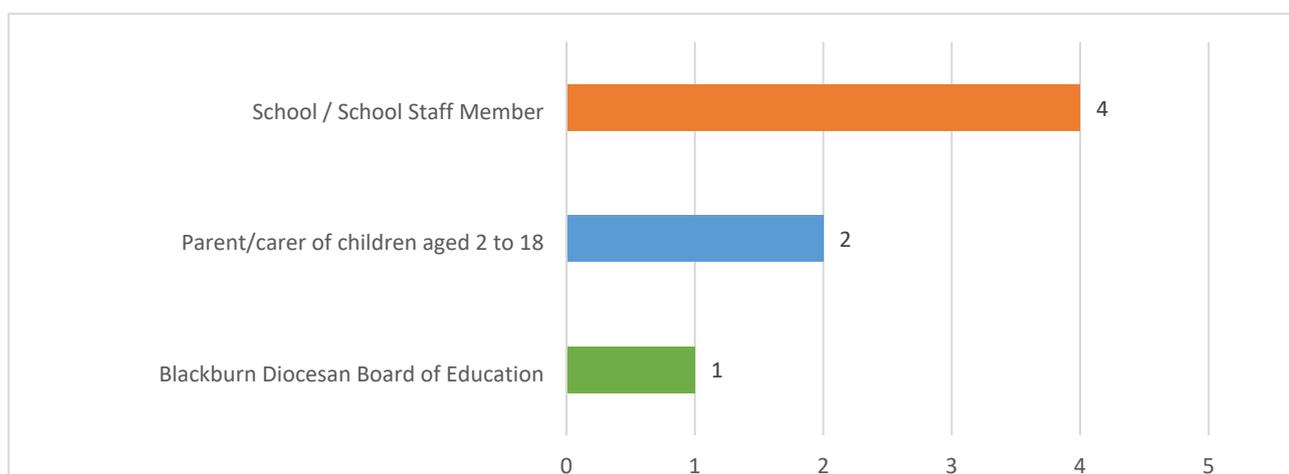
## Proposed reduction in age range for St Michael with St John CE Primary School 2022/23

Overall the local authority received 7 responses for this consultation. The following charts detail the responses to the proposed reduction in age range for St Michael with St John CE Primary School.

**1. The Local Authority, as the Admissions Authority for St Michael with St John CE Primary School, proposes to reduce the age range of the school from 3-11 to 4-11 with effect from September 2022. How do you feel about the proposed change?**



**2. Which of the following best describes you?**



**3. Please tell us the reason for your views, or write any other comments on this proposal.**

1	Low numbers in the nursery have resulted in less funding. The cost of staffing the nursery exceeds the funding received by the school.
2	Unfortunately, the nursery is not financially viable.
3	This will help the budget and allows the school to progress with 4-11 yr olds.
4	<p>I writing to let you know I oppose the decision to the closure of the Nursery class of St Michael St John school in September 2022 for the following reasons</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- I have a child already attending this Nursery since September 2021</li> <li>- I have another child enrolled onto the same school nursery for September 2022</li> <li>- it's very closer to my house</li> <li>- My entire family has been attending this Nursery and school ... so I have a very good understanding and trustful relationship and the school Nursery has a great curriculum and great teachers</li> <li>- I myself work at St Michael St John as a welfare assistant</li> </ul>

- This school is across the road from my house and there is no other suitable nurseries for my child to attend near me
- I will have the hurtful decision to move my first Child because I will not be able to take 2 of my children to 2 different schools at the same time as my husband is full time working and I also will have to leave my job at this school too. As the cost of living is rising by the minute and I cannot afford the taxi fare to different schools further away from me
- If this decision goes against me then I will have to make my child miss the full year of Nursery and this will further delay my Childs overall development
- I received an email from school yesterday regarding this matter which I'm very disappointed because this school has cared for children in this community and when its come to my turn and the Nursery is closing which is very unfair because it puts me into a difficult position and I will have to encounter the hardships including emotional stress.
- I am aware there are other children already attending this Nursery and will carry on attending in the following year, I am not afraid to protest for my childrens educational rights
- this school has been very supportive and Nurturing towards not just mine but all the children involved.

I sincerely expect the Blackburn with Darwen Borough to take my heartfelt plea to keep this Nursey open or keep my child in this school as I enrolled her before all this decision regarding closure came about.

I am very grateful if you consider my plea and my application as I am very stressed and worried for my children's education and the outcome for this decision.

**5** I refer to the recent consultation on the reduction of school admission from age 3 to age 4 at St Michael with St John Primary (SMSJ).

I understand that this proposal has been precipitated by the reduction in demand and there are always financial considerations due to finite resources.

Whilst I fear that the decision has already been taken and no amount of objection will convince the admission authority to do otherwise. I still feel it necessary to record my stringent objection to this proposal for the following reasons:

1. I am surprised that a child is expected to join full time school without a part time transition period which nursery offered. Whilst some may suggest obtaining an alternative nursery this is not practical because I have a child who already attends SMSJ. It is therefore practically impossible for me to drop my children off at different locations.
2. I currently have a child for whom I accepted a reception place at SMSJ. I have other younger children including a 3 year old for whom I had applied for a nursery place at SMSJ to start in September 2022. The late notification of this proposal to change the admission age has left me at a disadvantage as I could have applied at a different school who could accommodate all my children together.
3. I have always found SMSJ staff to be helpful and offer a safe fun and creative learning environment for children. I would like my younger children to continue taking advantage of the nursery.