

CONSULTATION ON THE PROPOSAL TO CHANGE THE AGE RANGE AT BROWNSOVER COMMUNITY INFANT SCHOOL

Introduction

This consultation is being undertaken to advise you of proposals concerning Brownsover Community Infant School, and to invite you to tell us what you think of the proposals. This is part of a statutory consultation process that Warwickshire County Council is managing in partnership with the school's Governing Body. The proposal is:

- 1) To change the age range at Brownsover Community Infant School from 3 - 7 to 3 - 11 from September 2026. This would allow Brownsover Community School to progress from a two form entry (2FE) infant school (180 pupils) to an one form entry (1FE) primary school (210 pupils)

Why change?

Long Term Sustainability: Brownsover Community School is facing continued budgetary challenges as a 2FE infant School. There has been a decrease in birth cohort numbers in the local area in recent years which has resulted in reduced numbers on roll at the school. Financial modelling has demonstrated that in the medium to long term the school would be more financially sustainable as a 1FE primary school than a 2FE infant school.

Infant/Junior Imbalance: The 150 infant places available at Brownsover Community School with a published admission number (PAN) of 60 and Boughton Leigh Infant Junior (PAN of 90) feed into Boughton Leigh Junior School (PAN of 120). In times of higher numbers on roll, the additional 30 places can create sufficiency issues at year 3. It is proposed that following the first year 3 intake at Brownsover Community School, Boughton Leigh Infant School and Boughton Leigh Junior School PANs will align with each other and the demand in the area.

Opening of new provision on The Gateway Development: This proposal is intended to coincide with the opening of The Griffin School in September 2023, helping minimise the potential impact of the introduction of new provision into an area on existing provision. The new one form entry primary school is the preferred option to meet the demand for pupil places from this development in the medium to long term.

What else will the change involve?

Increase in pupil numbers: The change from a 2FE infant school to a 1FE primary school will increase pupil numbers by 30 from 180 to 210 pupils

First year 3 intake in September 2026: It is proposed the first intake into year 3 would be September 2026. Before the school can admit children into year 3, they need to reduce their PAN to 30 in reception from September 2023.

Reduction in Published Admission Number from 2023: Before the school can admit children into year 3, they need to reduce their PAN to 30 in reception from September 2023. Should a decision be made to expand the age range of the school then authority from the Office of the Schools Adjudicator will be sought by WCC officers for a variation in the published admissions number for the 2023/24 academic year, and a proposal will also be brought forward to alter the school's published admission number permanently from the 2024/25 academic year onwards, subject to further consultation.

Building consequences

Capital works are required to provide a Key Stage 2 learning environment and achieve the minimum classroom size guidelines and ancillary space. This additional classroom space will be achieved by the re modelling of existing internal space.

What is the proposed timetable?

- **13 April 2022:** The County Council Portfolio Holder for Children, Families & Education gave approval for the proposal to go out for consultation. This report is available to by following the link below to the County Council website:
<https://democracy.warwickshire.gov.uk/ieListDocuments.aspx?CIId=203&MIId=3563&Ver=4>
- **25 April 2022 – 23 May 2022:** Consultation with parents and the local community to take into account the views expressed regarding the proposals to change the age range.
- **17 June 2022:** Cabinet meeting - if Cabinet agree to the proposals, the decision will start to be implemented with a reduction in PAN to 30 from September 2023 and progression of the capital works required for a Key Stage 2 intake.

Have Your Say...

As an integral part of this process, we are inviting you to take part in this consultation. We welcome your views on the proposed changes raised in this letter and all viewpoints will be taken into account before deciding to publish formal proposals. Feedback can be given in the following ways;

In Writing to:

Education Sufficiency Team
Building 3, Saltisford Office Park
Ansell Way
Warwick
CV34 4UL

Via Email

schoolorganisation@warwickshire.gov.uk

Or by completing the online survey:

<https://ask.warwickshire.gov.uk/schools/brownsover-school>

The closing date for comments to be submitted is **5pm 23 May 2022**.

Following the end of the consultation we shall publish the results and this may include quotes of comments which will be anonymous. If you reply to an anonymous survey then no personal details will be captured. If you would like further information, visit our website: www.warwickshire.gov.uk/privacy or contact our Customer Service Centre on 01926 410410