

**Brownsover Community Infant School
Extension of age range – Infant school to Primary school
Consultation Frequently Asked Questions**

Q. Why is this consultation taking place?

A. This consultation is part of a statutory process for making prescribed alterations to schools, including changing the age range of a community school by 1 year or more.

Q. Who decides whether the change in age range goes ahead?

A. Following the period of consultation, the County Council's Cabinet will review the feedback and make a decision on whether or not to go ahead with the changes.

Q. Is the school building big enough to operate as a primary school?

A. The current school will require some internal remodelling of existing space to create four appropriate size Key Stage 2 classrooms.

Q. When will the work be carried out?

A. Building work would be expected to start during 2023 and be completed during 2024

Q. Will there be any disruption to the existing school while work is being carried out?

A. The contractors and the school will work together to ensure any disruption to pupils is kept to a minimum and will not have an adverse impact on the pupils day to day schooling

Q. Will there be any changes to the school's admission arrangements as a result of the age range extension?

A. It is proposed to reduce the school's Published Admission Number (PAN) to 30 from September 2023. There are currently no plans to alter the school's priority area. From September 2026 pupils will no longer have to transfer to a junior or primary school for Key Stage 2.

Q. Why is the PAN not remaining at 60?

A. Low birth cohorts and demand for places in the area would not sustain the school as a 2FE primary school. The school site is also not big enough to accommodate the number of classrooms and ancillary space for a 2FE primary school.

Q. Why is the first year 3 not until September 2026?

A. Due to school site and capital budget constraints, the pupil intake will need to reduce before the first intake into year 3.

Q. How will the proposal impact on Boughton Leigh Junior School?

A. From September 2026, year 2 at Brownsover Community Infant School would continue into year 3 at the school. There would be no requirement to make an application for a junior or primary school place. As the partner feeder school for Brownsover Community School is Boughton Leigh Junior School they are likely to experience a reduction in numbers. Boughton Leigh Junior School will reduce and align their PAN with Boughton Leigh Infant School.