

## CONSULTATION ON THE PROPOSAL TO CHANGE THE AGE RANGE AT NEWDIGATE PRIMARY AND NURSERY SCHOOL

### Introduction

This consultation is being undertaken to advise you of proposals concerning Newdigate Primary and Nursery 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 Newdigate Primary and Nursery School from 3 - 11 to 4 - 11 from September 2019. The published admission number (PAN) for the main school will not be affected by these proposals. The PAN for the maintained nursery class will cease to exist, as nursery provision will be offered in a more flexible way, according to parental demand.
- 2) To run all nursery provision for 2-3 year olds via Community Facility Powers under the direction of the School Governors from September 2019.

### Why Change?

The proposed changes at Newdigate Primary and Nursery School are related to changes at national level, with many families now entitled to 30 hours per week of funded early education, instead of the 15 hours per week they were previously entitled to.

Parents are increasingly seeking more flexibility from nursery places, to support them with work commitments. This is difficult to manage when nursery places are offered via a maintained nursery class, where there is less scope for flexibility.

There will be no material change to the school's operation – both school and nursery will continue to be governed by the same board and led by the same head teacher and staff.

### Building consequences

There will be no changes to the accommodation, and early years children will continue to attend their sessions where they do now.

### What is the proposed timetable?

- **14 December 2018:** The County Council Portfolio Holder for Education and Learning gave approval for the proposal to go out for consultation. This report is available to the general public by following the link below to the County Council website:  
<https://democratic.warwickshire.gov.uk/cm5/Calendarofmeetings.aspx>
- **28 January 2019 – 1 March 2019:** Consultation with parents and the local community to take into account the views expressed regarding the proposals to change the age range.
- **11 April 2019:** If Cabinet agree to the proposals, the decision will begin to be implemented from September 2019 with the new arrangements beginning in time for the new intake of children in **September 2019**.

## 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:**

Access & Organisation  
Building 3, Saltisford Office Park  
Ansell Way  
Warwick  
CV34 4UL

### **Via Email**

consultations@warwickshire.gov.uk

**Or by completing the online survey:** <https://ask.warwickshire.gov.uk/schools/newdigate-primary-and-nursery-school>

The closing date for comments to be submitted is **1 March 2019**.

Further information can be found in Frequently Asked Questions

*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](http://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/privacy) or contact our Customer Service Centre on 01926 410410*