

CONSULTATION ON THE PROPOSAL TO CHANGE THE AGE RANGE AT NORTHLANDS PRIMARY SCHOOL

Introduction

This consultation is being undertaken to advise you of proposals concerning Northlands Primary 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 Northlands Primary 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, and nursery provision will be offered at other local providers instead of at the school.
- 2) Parents will apply directly to their chosen local early years provider to obtain the place that best meets their needs

Why Change?

The proposed changes at Northlands Primary 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.

Children will still be able to attend a nursery place in their local area, as there are sufficient places available at other providers nearby.

What is the proposed timetable?

- 12 April 2019: 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: <u>https://democratic.warwickshire.gov.uk/cmis5/Calendarofmeetings.aspx</u>
- **3 May 2019 19th June 2019:** Consultation with parents and the local community to take into account the views expressed regarding the proposals to change the age range.
- **11 July 2019:** If Cabinet agree to the proposals, the decision will 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

schoolorganisation@warwickshire.gov.uk

Or by completing the online survey: https://ask.warwickshire.gov.uk/schools/northlandsprimary-agerange

The closing date for comments to be submitted is **19th June 2019**.

Further information can be found in Frequently Asked Questions

Following the end of the consultation we will 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