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## **St Nicholas C of E Primary School PROPOSAL TO CHANGE THE AGE RANGE OF OUR SCHOOL AND CREATE A FOUNDATION/KS1 CLASS**

The Governing Body of **St Nicholas C of E Primary School** is proposing to make new Early Years provision for three and four year old children. We would like to know the views of parents and other interested members of the community.

### Why are the governors making these proposals?

All three and four-year-old children are entitled to 15 hours of government funding known as Universal Funding per week for 38 weeks per year to access Early Years Foundation Stage education and childcare. This will be from the beginning of the school term following their third birthday until compulsory school age or until they take up a place in a Reception class. Eligible working families have been able to access up to an additional 15 hours of government funding known as Extended Entitlement to access the equivalent of 30 hours of government funded childcare per week for 38 weeks per year. A government funded place can be taken in a maintained school nursery and Foundation Stage class and/or in an Ofsted registered private or voluntary sector provision. It is parental choice as to which type of provision is most appropriate for their child and most convenient for individual circumstances.

St Nicholas C of E Primary School is proposing to provide places for 3 and 4 year olds by the creation of a Foundation Stage class/Key Stage One class on a full time basis, where the children would be taught in a combined Nursery/Reception/Year 1&2 class. Early Years staff would work together to provide an excellent environment for a young child's development. The class will be led by a qualified teacher supported by at least one other suitably qualified and experienced teaching assistant to support the learning and development of these children.

### What would our new provision look like?

It would be similar to what is currently available in the existing reception/Key stage One class in school. There will be high quality play-based provision including role play, sand, water, construction, reading, mark making and outside play. The learning environment will be equipped with suitable furniture, equipment and resources for 3 and 4 year olds. There will be free flow learning opportunities indoors and outdoors offering children independence in choosing activities and allowing them to become deeply engaged in learning which is relevant and appropriate to their age and stage of development. They will be supported by knowledgeable and appropriately trained adults who are in tune with each child's individual needs.

We are planning to run this provision each morning from 8.30am until 3.30pm with the option of extended hours from 7.45am until 5.15pm.

### Why is this consultation taking place?

Currently the youngest children that the school can admit are in the reception class. In order to take younger children into the proposed new Foundation Stage/Key stage One class, legal processes must be followed to lower the age range of the school from 4-11 years to 3-11 years. The first step in this process is that local people must be asked for their views. The Governing Body will then review the responses and decide whether to proceed with the proposal.

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### How many places will be offered?

The proposed Foundation Stage class will provide up to 8 full time early education places. School does have the staffing capacity and space to increase this provision if demand increases. Parents may use the lunch time as part of their free entitlement although a charge will be made for the cost of the food.

### Which children would be eligible for a place?

Priority for admission for nursery will be determined by the County Council's Admissions Policy for Nurseries. Admissions to nursery are separate from admissions to the school, which are determined by the County Council's policy for Community and Voluntary Controlled Schools. Further details are available at: <http://www.northyorks.gov.uk/article/26372/Admissions-policies>

### Deciding on admissions

The Head teacher will make the offer of a place to children in writing to parents and carers.

### How will the new Foundation Stage class affect other providers?

The new Foundation Stage class would take children aged 3 and 4. Local Early Years' providers are being consulted and have the opportunity to make their views on the proposal known.

### What will happen next?

This is the first step of the consultation. Comments on this consultation will be considered by the Governing Body who will then decide whether to proceed with the proposal.

### If these proposals go ahead, when will the new class open?

It is proposed that the first nursery-aged children will join the school in September 2021.

### How do I make my views known?

**Your views are important and we would value your opinions.**

*You should complete the attached comments sheet and return it to the school.*

**Comments should be returned by Monday 7<sup>th</sup> June 2021**

If you have any further queries, these should be addressed to Sarah Taylor (Head teacher) via the admin@west-tanfield.n-yorks.sch.uk

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CONSULTATION ON THE PROPOSAL TO CHANGE THE AGE RANGE AND CREATE A NEW FOUNDATION STAGE/KEY STAGE ONE CLASS AT ST NICHOLAS C OF E PRIMARY SCHOOL

Do you consider it desirable that the age range of the school is changed from 4-11 to 3-11 and a nursery class is set up at our school?

Yes

No

Any further comments you would like to make:

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Post Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Please tick the category you represent:

Parent

Governor

Other

Please specify \_\_\_\_\_

Please return to St Nicholas C of E Primary School

The closing date for receipt of responses is June 7<sup>th</sup> 2021

*We are collecting this information for the purpose of gathering views on the proposal. Your personal data will not be published or passed to any other organisation unless a legal obligation compels us to do so. We may contact you to discuss your views further.*