

CONSULTATION ON THE PROPOSAL TO CHANGE THE AGE RANGE AT EXHALL CEDARS INFANT SCHOOL

Introduction

This consultation is being undertaken to advise you of proposals concerning Exhall Cedars 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 Exhall Cedars Infant School from 3 - 7 to 4 - 7 from September 2021. 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 and eligible 4 year olds via Community Facility Powers, at the existing Pre-School, under the direction of the School Governors from September 2021.

There will be no reduction in, nor material change to, the service provided by the school.

Why Change?

The proposed changes at Exhall Cedars Infant 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, alongside the demand for funded places for eligible 2 year olds.

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.

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?

- **12 March 2021:** 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://democracy.warwickshire.gov.uk/ieListDocuments.aspx?CId=203&MId=2853&Ver=4>
- **19 April 2021 – 14 May 2021:** Consultation with parents and the local community to take into account the views expressed regarding the proposals to change the age range.
- **17 June 2021:** If Cabinet agree to the proposals, the decision will begin to be implemented from September 2021 with the new arrangements beginning in time for the new intake of children in **September 2021**.

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/exhall-cedars-infant-school>

The closing date for comments to be submitted is 5pm **14 May 2021**.

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 or contact our Customer Service Centre on 01926 410410