

## Stillington Community Primary School

### PROPOSAL TO CHANGE THE AGE RANGE AND ADMIT 3 YEAR OLDS TO OUR SCHOOL

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The Governing Body of Stillington Community 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. From September 2017, 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.

Stillington Community Primary School is proposing to provide places for 3 and 4 year olds as an extension of current Reception / Key Stage 1 provision. Early Years staff would work together to provide an excellent environment for a young child's development. The children will be taught by a qualified teacher and suitably qualified and experienced teaching assistant(s) to support their learning and development.

#### [What would our Foundation Stage Class provision look like?](#)

It would be very similar to what is currently available for the existing Reception children in school. There will be high quality play-based provision including role play, sand, water, construction, reading, mark making, and outside play. The newly refurbished learning environment has suitable furniture, equipment and resources for 3 and 4 year olds. There will be free flow between the indoor and outdoor areas offering children a choice of activities and allowing them to engage in learning which is relevant and appropriate to their age and stage of development. The 3-year olds will be taught in the indoor and outdoor areas currently used by our Reception and KS1 children, which are equipped to provide a high-quality learning environment. They will be supported by knowledgeable and appropriately trained adults who are in tune with each child's individual needs.

#### [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 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. As a Community Primary School, the Governing Body then needs to request that the County Council's Executive formally lowers the age range of the school in order to create the new Early Years provision.

### [How many places will be offered?](#)

Stillington School will offer up to 10 full time (or equivalent part-time) early education places, which can include provision over lunchtime. There will be an additional charge if a school dinner is provided.

### [Which children would be eligible for a place?](#)

Priority for admission to the nursery class will be determined by the County Council's Admissions Policy for Nurseries. Admissions to the nursery class 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 Headteacher will make the offer of a place in the Foundation Stage class in writing to parents and carers.

### [How will the new Nursery provision 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 ask the County Council's Executive to publish statutory proposals to lower the age range of the school on their website. This will provide a further period of four weeks in which views and comments can be made.

### [If these proposals go ahead, when will the new Nursery class open?](#)

It is proposed that the first children will join the Nursery provision in February 2021.

### [How do I make my views known?](#)

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

Please complete the attached comments sheet and return it to the school.

If it is more convenient to respond electronically, you can do so here:

[https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=0NdiwElu50gGrMVZALOVpRaBAqK-M\\_FNtwNE1-Qn3-FUMzgxRTZRVkgxUkpWOEROTk1WNIRGNUtITS4u](https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=0NdiwElu50gGrMVZALOVpRaBAqK-M_FNtwNE1-Qn3-FUMzgxRTZRVkgxUkpWOEROTk1WNIRGNUtITS4u)

Paper copies of the Consultation Document and Response Form are available, on request, from school or Stillington Post Office.

**Comments should be returned by Monday 26<sup>th</sup> October**

If you have any further queries, these should be addressed to Mrs Sarah Moore (Headteacher) [headteacher@stillington.n-yorks.sch.uk](mailto:headteacher@stillington.n-yorks.sch.uk)

# Stillington Community Primary School

## CONSULTATION ON THE PROPOSAL TO CHANGE THE AGE RANGE AND CREATE A FOUNDATION STAGE CLASS AT STILLINGTON COMMUNITY PRIMARY SCHOOL

Do you consider it desirable that the age range of the school is changed from 4-11 to 3-11 and a Foundation Stage class is created?

Yes

No

Any further comments you would like to make:

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Please tick the category you represent:

Parent

Governor

Other

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

Please specify.....

Please return to:

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