

St Chad's CofE Nursery and Infant School

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Proposal to change the age range of St Chad's CofE Nursery and Infant School to children aged 2-7

The Governing Body of **St Chad's CofE Nursery and Infant School** is consulting on a proposal to change the age range of the school setting from 3-7 to 2-7 to enable the school to provide a maximum of **16** 15 hour two-year-old free early education entitlement (FEEE) places from **September 2023**. St Chad's CofE Nursery and Infant School already offers provision for three- and four-year olds and would therefore be lowering the age range of the school by one year to include places for two-year olds.

The key reason for the proposal is to provide additional maintained two-year-old places in the locality as many of the other local schools two-year-old places are full and more importantly to give the earliest opportunity to those children who will join us at three, access to early years' provision. Quality early years provision can help children to learn, play, make new friends, experience new activities and develop school readiness. Having discussed the proposal with Derby City Council, it is considered appropriate for St Chad's CofE Nursery and Infant School to offer the limited two-year-old places we plan to offer, whilst still retaining subject to demand our current three and four-year-old nursery places. The additional places will contribute towards meeting current and future demand for two-year-old FEEE places; increase options for parents/carers regarding their preferred choice of setting; and provide greater flexibility to access the two-year-old FEEE place within the school in which their child can continue their on-going education at.

This paper sets out the background to this proposal and explains how you can share your views as part of the consultation process.

How many younger children will we be able to accommodate and what sessions will be available?

The Governing Body of St Chad's CofE Nursery and Infant School is proposing to lower the age range of the school to two years of age from **September 2023**. This will enable the school to take funded 2-year olds in the term after their 2nd birthday. If the proposal is implemented, the schools age range will change to **2-7** years rather than the current **3-7** years.

The proposal is for the school to accommodate up to **16 funded**, 15 hour two-year-old FEEE places. We will be able to offer 8 spaces in the morning session, and 8 in the afternoon session. The sessions times will be:

- **Mornings: 9:00am – 12:00 noon**
- **Afternoons: 12.15pm – 15:15pm**

What impact will this have on the children currently in the school?

It is not anticipated that there will be any impact on pupils currently on roll in the school. On a day-to-day basis there will be no change in routine at the school. In terms of accommodating the additional children, the school has carefully considered the availability of space and the proposal is to accommodate initially all 2, 3 and 4-year-old children together in the Nursery. We have a large room that has direct access to toilets and a door to a large outdoor area.

Please note that, as with any nursery, children on roll at the nursery at St Chad's CofE Nursery and Infant School will not automatically transfer from the nursery to reception at the school when they reach school age. Parents and carers will need to complete an application for a school place for their child in the usual way.

What will it mean for the staff?

Again, very little on a day-to-day basis. It will, however, be necessary to recruit additional nursery staff in order to provide places for 16 two-year olds at the school. As part of this consultation, a meeting for staff has been arranged for **7th July 2023** at St Chad's CofE Nursery and Infant School.

What happens now?

The circulation of this document marks the start of a four-week consultation period on the proposal to extend the age range of St Chad's CofE Nursery and Infant School by one year to include two-year-old FEEE places. An email of this document has been sent to all local FEEE providers: PVI's and schools individually to make sure they are fully aware of the proposal. If the proposal is agreed, the school will have an age range of **2-7 years from September 2023**.

All written comments on the proposal will be considered by the Governing Body of St Chad's CofE Nursery and Infant School when the four-week consultation period has come to a close. If a decision is taken to proceed with the change in age range, we will inform parents / carers, staff and Derby City Council. If the proposal is agreed, the change in age range will be implemented from September 2023 and **16** 2 year old FEEE places will become available at the school from this date.

Your views are very important. Please do let us know what you think whether you agree or disagree with the proposal.

Please return your response form to St Chad's CofE Nursery and Infant School office or email: admin@stchads.derby.sch.uk by **9am on Friday 21st July**.



**Proposal to change the age range of *St Chad's Nursery and Infant School* to include
2-year-old places from *September 2023*.**

CONSULTATION RESPONSE FORM

We would like your views on the proposal to change the age range of St Chad's CofE Nursery and Infant School to include two-year-old places. Please complete this short form to give your views and comments.

Please tell us if you do or do not support the Governing Body's proposal to change the age range of St Chad's CofE Nursery and Infant School to include 2-year-old places as shown in the consultation document? Please select one response.

Yes - I support the proposal

No - I don't support the proposal

I'm undecided about the proposal

Please use the space below to give your comments on the proposal:

Date.....

Status.....

(For example, parent, governor, member of school staff)

Please return your completed form to:

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If you have any questions, please contact Kat Leach (Head Teacher) or Kate Morley (Foundation Stage Lead) on Tel: 01332 345997