



Consultation on change of age range to allow for spaces for Under 4's at Angel Road Infant School from September 2019

Introduction

The purpose of this document is to discuss proposed changes to the provision at Angel Road Infant School for under 4's which requires a lowering of the schools age range by 2 years. The board members of Diversa Multi Academy Trust have decided that it should consult on the proposed changes in line with legal requirements, and wishes to receive the views and comments of stakeholders of the school.

The consultation period will run for 4 weeks from Tuesday 7th May to Tuesday 4th June.

Diversa Trust Board will consider all comments received during the consultation period. We are consulting with all relevant stakeholders as required by law when making changes to school age range arrangements.

Context

Angel Road Infant School currently has an age range from 4 – 7 years, with 9 single age classes. The Pavilion Playschool has always been independent of the school, although it has leased part of the school premises for its business purposes.

Proposal

Currently the school takes children into the Reception Class at the start of school year after their fourth birthday. All younger children attend.

From September 2019 we are proposing lowering our school's age range to 2 years. This will make the school's age range 2-7 years, rather than the current 4-7 years.

Pavilion Playschool will join Diversa Multi Academy Trust to become part of Angel Road Infant School as its nursery provision.

Please note that there is no change proposed to our determined admissions arrangements. The school's determined admission arrangements for school entry in September 2019 remain unchanged and there is no change to the fact that a nursery place does not in any way guarantee a place at the school, as is documented on our admissions policy on our web site.

Why is the school making this change?

Angel Road Infant School, as part of Diversa MAT, would like to take on the existing pre-school (Pavilion Playschool) to ensure continuity of provision for pre-school children for the local community and to increase the EYFS provision at Angel Road Infant School. We would

look to continue the 3 and 4 year old provision as it currently stands but to increase the 2 year old provision to 10 sessions a week.

What will the impact be of providers of nursery provision locally?

We cannot foresee any impact on other 3-4 year old providers locally as new places are not being created. New 2 year old places are needed locally.

Will the proposed change result in additional traffic near the school at drop off and pick up times?

There will not be any impact on peak time traffic at the school, as the provision is already on the school site.

Staff

The school is taking advice from HR and hopes to be able to integrate the current staff to become part of the school.

Funding

The MAT receives funding from the Government, in the form of General Annual Grant (GAG), for all children who have reached the age of 4 by the 31 December prior to the January School Census.

For children aged 2 and 3 the school will receive its funding for eligible children through Norfolk's Early Years Finance and Funding which funds all of the free entitlement for children in nursery units within a mainstream school, nursery schools and private, voluntary and independent settings. Funding will be based on a count of actual weekly hours attended by qualifying children at the three Early Years Finance Funding deadlines.

There will also be an option to pay for 2-year-old places if children are ineligible for funding. The session cost will reflect other local prices.

Consultation

The consultation on this proposal will be for 4 school weeks from Tuesday 7th May to Tuesday 4th June.

This letter will be available on the school and Trust websites

Any comments, observations or objections should be sent to – The Chair of Trustees via the headteacher, Mr Chris Read Or by e-mail to enquiries@diversamat.org.uk

The deadline for receiving responses to this consultation is 4th June.