

**LINTON ON OUSE PRIMARY SCHOOL**

**PROPOSAL TO CHANGE THE AGE RANGE OF THE SCHOOL AND CREATE  
A NURSERY CLASS (FOUNDATION STAGE 1)**

September 2015/16

The Governing Body of Linton on Ouse Primary School is proposing to make new early years provision for 3-4 year olds. We would like to know the views of parents and other interested members of the community.

Why are the governors making these proposals?

All 3 and 4 year olds are entitled to 15 hours per week of free Early Years Foundation Stage provision from the beginning of the school term following their 3<sup>rd</sup> birthday until compulsory school age. This free entitlement can be taken up in a maintained school nursery class and/or in an Ofsted registered private setting. It is parental choice as to which type of provision is most appropriate for their child and most convenient for individual circumstances.

Linton on Ouse Primary School is proposing to lower the age range of our school from 4 – 11 years, to 3 -11 years; and to provide up to 15 part-time places for 3 and 4 year olds as an extension of current reception class provision. This will create a new nursery class covering Foundation Stage 1.

This new high quality early education provision for 3 year olds for 15 hours each week in term time will enhance and complement the existing local provision for young learners in our community, and will offer parents increased choice.

Early Years staff would work together to provide an excellent environment for each young child's development. Each Foundation Stage class (FS1 and FS2) would be led by a qualified Early Years teacher. In addition, we are planning to appoint another experienced teaching assistant to the early years' team to support the learning and development of the children.

What would the new 'Foundation Stage Class' provision look like?

It would be very similar to what is currently available in the existing reception class in school. There will be high quality play-based provision including role play, sand, water, construction, reading, mark making, and outside play. The classroom will be equipped with suitable furniture, equipment and resources for 3 and 4 year olds. There will be free flow between areas, including outside, offering children the choice of activities and allowing them to engage in learning which is relevant and appropriate to their stage of development. They will be supported by knowledgeable and appropriately trained adults.

The plan is for the nursery class to be based in the indoor and outdoor spaces currently used by Class 4. Class 4 would move to the area used by Class 3 and Class 3 would move to the middle classroom. We are also planning to create additional cloakroom facilities to meet the needs of young 3 year olds.

Nursery children will not participate in school assemblies or playtime with the other year groups in school. However as the children enter the term before reception there will be opportunities for transition to the existing reception class.

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 for the school from 4-11 year olds, to 3-11 year olds. The first step in this process is that local people and child care providers must be asked for their views.

How many places will be offered?

The proposed nursery class will provide up to 15 part-time morning places for 3-4 year olds.

Which children would be eligible for a place?

Priority for admission to the nursery class will be determined by the admission policy of the school:

All governing bodies are required to admit to the school a child with a statement of special needs that names the school as their preferred choice. This is not an oversubscription criterion. This relates only to children who have undergone statutory assessment and for whom a final statement of special educational needs (SEN) has been issued.

<b>ORDER OF PRIORITY:</b>	<i>Notes</i>
<p><b>First priority:</b> Children and young people in Public Care for whom the school has been expressed as a preference and previously looked after children, that is children who were adopted (or subject to residence orders or special guardianship orders) immediately following having been looked after.</p>	<p><i>This applies to all looked-after children, including those who are in the care of another local authority.</i></p> <p><i>In the case of previously looked after children, a copy of the relevant documentation will be required in support of the application.</i></p>
<p><b>Second priority:</b> Children who are recommended by the Director of Children and Young Peoples Service, including children in the care of a local authority, or by the appropriate designated medical officer.</p>	<p><i>Note: we will only consider applications in this category if they are supported by a recommendation from a doctor, social worker or other appropriate professional which sets out the particular reason(s) why the school in question is the most suitable school and the difficulties that would be caused if the child had to attend another school.</i></p>
<p><b>Third priority:</b> Children from homes with poor housing conditions or overcrowding, or from a background which could affect the child's normal educational development.</p>	<p><i>Note: this should be supported by the recommendation of a doctor, social worker or other appropriate professional.</i></p>
<p><b>Fourth priority:</b> Children within the normal area of the school, giving priority to the oldest children first.</p>	
<p><b>Fifth priority:</b> Children from outside the school's normal area, giving priority to those whose home is nearest to school first.</p>	

### Deciding on admissions

The Headteacher will make in writing the offer of a place in the nursery class.

### How will the new nursery class affect other providers?

The new nursery class would take children aged 3 and 4. As a school we work closely with other local pre-school providers. This will continue if we open our new class.

All local 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, which will then decide whether to proceed with the proposal.

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

It is proposed that the first children could join the nursery class in September 2015.

### 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 23<sup>rd</sup> February 2015.**

If you have any further queries, these should be addressed to Mrs M. McLoughlin (Headteacher).

**NORTH YORKSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL  
LINTON ON OUSE PRIMARY SCHOOL**

CONSULTATION ON THE PROPOSAL TO CHANGE THE AGE RANGE AND CREATE A NEW  
NURSERY CLASS AT LINTON ON OUSE PRIMARY SCHOOL

Do you consider it desirable that the age range of the school is changed from 4 -11 years to 3-11 years and that 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 tick:

I have a child who may benefit from this provision in 2015-16.

I have a child who may benefit from this provision in 2016-17.

If you have ticked either of the above, how often would your child be likely to attend the sessions?

Please return to Linton on Ouse Primary School  
**The closing date for receipt of responses is Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> February 2015**