

2-Year-olds Nursery Consultation

Proposal for lowering the age range at Willington Primary School to provide Early Years' entitlement places for 2-year-olds

Consultation Document

Your views are important to us. We would like to gain your views and comments on our school's proposal and provide you with the opportunity to ask questions and discuss the proposals.

Background information

Willington Primary School is a maintained Primary school within County Durham Local Authority. Nursery and Reception children are currently taught in a mixed Early Years Foundation Stage class.

What are we proposing and where?

The Governors of Willington Primary School wish to temporarily expand current provision to admit 2 year old children into our Nursery class. This would enable children to join the nursery provision after their 2nd birthday. The primary reason for doing this is to provide high quality, school-based provision for our community following the closure of a local nursery.

We feel that offering high quality school-based nursery provision is an opportunity to give our children the best possible start to their education journey.

Why are we undertaking a consultation?

Before a school can make permanent changes to the age range of pupils that it admits, all interested parties who might be affected by the proposals must be consulted. Although we are looking at a temporary change, we feel it is good practice to inform interested parties.

When are we proposing the change?

We are proposing to make the change from April 2026.

Who are we consulting with?

- Parents/Carers
- School Staff
- Local Schools

- Local Early Years and Childcare Providers
- County Durham Local Authority

How to respond to the consultation

Please email any responses to Willington@durhamlearning.net by Friday 5th December.

We are also taking expressions of interest for parents looking for a 2 year old place for their children: please contact the school on 01388746414 if you are interested.

Thank you for taking the time to read this consultation document. Your views are important to us. Please make them known to us by getting in touch.

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