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Derbyshire County Council

Aston on Trent Primary School

Consultation on a Proposal by the Governing Body for the Extension of the Age Range of the School from 4-11 years to 3-11 years

Introduction

Notice is given in accordance with section 19(1) of the Education and Inspections Act 2006 that the Governing Body of Aston on Trent Primary School proposes to make a prescribed alteration, namely altering the lower age limit of school from 4 years to 3 years so as to add nursery provision with effect from September 2027/28.

Context

Aston on Trent Primary School is an established, successful community primary school with an age range of 4-11 years which serves the local community of which it is proud to be part of. Current provision within school enables children to attend an Early Years Foundation Stage 2 (Reception Class) setting followed by a Key Stage 1 and Key Stage 2. The school does not currently provide any nursery or pre-school provision.

Proposal

The school is proposing to alter the lower age limit of the school from 4 years to 3 years by extending the provision to include both Foundation Stage 1 and Foundation Stage 2 children (from the age of 3 instead of 4). The nursery will require new accommodation and the proposal is dependent on securing the capital funding to carry out the work. This means that, **if the proposal is implemented**, the school will be able to offer families a seamless and comprehensive education programme for children from the age of 3 years.

The school anticipates that we will be able to offer the full government entitlement of 30 hours of free early years education and the option of allowing additional fee paid hours to suit individual family circumstances and preferences.

If the proposal is implemented, it is anticipated that the school will be able to accommodate 56 Foundation Stage children in total – inclusive of the PAN number of 236. The number will fluctuate yearly in line with places taken for school age children within the setting.

The local authority has assessed the requirement for additional places in the area and the data suggests that there is a need within the area which supports the proposal.



Staff

If the proposal is implemented, the school will appoint an experienced and fully qualified teacher and utilise existing highly qualified staff, which includes a Foundation Stage Lead and a Teaching and Learning Support Assistant. The school will ensure that the correct ratios of 1:13 are always implemented. The school expects there to be 30 Foundation Stage 2 pupils and 26 Foundation Stage 1 Pupils in the school at the start of the 2027-28 academic year.

Funding

We have consulted with Derbyshire Local Authority to be considered for the DfE Capital Works project Round 3. A sufficiency assessment has been conducted and the Local Authority believes there is a significant undersupply in the area of Nursery places.

Consultation

The consultation on this proposal will be for three weeks from Friday 28th August 2026 up to Friday, 18th September 2026.

A meeting will be arranged with all interested parties to explain the proposal and respond to questions. This will take place at Aston on Trent Primary School at 4pm on Monday 14th September. Please contact enquiries@aston-on-trent.derbyshire.sch.uk by Friday, 11th September if you would like to attend.

This consultation document will be available on request from the Clerk to the Governing Body at the address and e-mail address below, and is available on the school's website. Any comments, observations or objections should be sent to –

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Or by e-mail to enquiries@aston-on-trent.derbyshire.sch.uk

The deadline for receiving responses to this consultation is Friday, 18th September 2026 at 3.00pm.

Yours sincerely,



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