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**PROPOSAL FOR ALTERATION OF AGE RANGE OF AN EXISTING SCHOOL**

**Based on Department for Education statutory guidance:**

**‘***Making significant changes (‘prescribed alterations’) to maintained schools:*

*Statutory guidance for proposers and decision makers’*, DfE, January 2023.

[Making significant changes (‘prescribed alterations’) to maintained schools (publishing.service.gov.uk)](https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/1131672/Making_significant_changes__prescribed_alterations__to_maintained_schools_Jan_2023.pdf)

**Statutory proposal for alteration of age range**

**Contact details in respect of a Local Authority proposal.**

**School and Authority details:**

**1.** The name, address and category of the school affected:

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**Implementation:**

**2.** **It is proposed that:**

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| The age range at Holgate Primary and Nursery School be lowered to 2 - 11 years from the existing 3 - 11 years. This would enable the school to offer an Early Years provision to accommodate 2 and 3 year old children. This will be effective from the start of Autumn Term 2024. |

**Reason for change:**

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| Since April 2019, an external provider ran a day nursery in the building next to the School site. The nursery offered hours from 8.30am – 5.30pm Monday to Friday, term time only. This was used by the school community and wider. The external provider served their notice to the staff, LA and parents in December 2023, and they vacated the setting on the 31st of January 2024.  Since the closure, another Early Years provider in Hucknall also closed from April 2024. This has left parents of the community looking for places to take up the disadvantaged 2 year funding. School have had enquiries from parents wanting to take up a place.  ***The reason for school wanting to lower their age range is to provide:***   * A first quality education for 2 year olds and above (before starting school); * Quality transition into main school; * Earlier identification of need and referrals to external services where required; * Revenue in the school budget; * Opportunities for staff, parents and children; * An improvement in school data due to improved school readiness.   The school and governing body have carried out a survey of families and the local community, the results showed that of the 30 responses 93% 28/30 felt that offering 2-year-old places would be beneficial to families, and 43% 13/30 respondents had a child who would require a 2 year old nursery place in September 2024. The survey therefore indicated that there was a need for a nursery to accommodate 2 year olds.  The proposal, approved by the governing body, is to reduce the age range within the school from 3 to 2 years to enable the school to offer sessional care for pre-school age starting from 2 years of age.  There will be no change to statutory school places within the school. |

**Pupil numbers and admissions:**

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| **Pupil numbers:**  The maximum number of children who will be able to access a place is 54 children, if this is used for 2 year old provision. Within the school’s business plan for this project there is provision planned for 39 x 3 year olds and 8 x 2 year olds, per session AM and PM with the possibility of expanding 2 year old place up to the capacity of 54 children per session.  **Admissions:**  The current admissions arrangements of Holgate Primary and Nursery School will not be affected by this proposal. |

**Displaced pupils:**

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| There will be no pupils displaced by this proposal. |

**Impact on the community:**

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| The school governing body approved this proposal on 29.04.202~~4.~~  Children and families of 2 year-olds will have access to early years childcare and education in their own locality. They will not need to travel to an alternative provider out of the area to access their free entitlement place. |

**Travel:**

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| No alteration to existing travel arrangements will be caused by this proposal as it is expected that existing families using the current on site early years unit will continue to use the early yearsprovision at Holgate Primary and Nursery School. |

**At the end of this document there is a Consultation Response Form.**

**If you wish to respond to the consultation on this proposal, please send written comments to:**

* The Executive Director Children and Families,

(*for the attention of Pupil Place Planning*),

Education, Learning and Inclusion,

County Hall, West Bridgford,

Nottingham, NG2 7QP

or by email to [place.planning@nottscc.gov.uk](mailto:place.planning@nottscc.gov.uk)

* Comments may also be submitted online at [Nottinghamshire County Council - Citizen Space](https://consult.nottinghamshire.gov.uk/)

(see **View our consultations**)

**To be received no later than 23:59 hrs on Monday 12th August 2024**

**Consultation Response Form**

**STATUTORY CONSULTATION ON ALTERATION OF AGE RANGE AT**

**HOLGATE PRIMARY AND NURSERY SCHOOL**

If you wish to respond to the consultation, you can share your views by:

* Completing the online survey on Nottinghamshire County Council’s consultation hub <https://consult.nottinghamshire.gov.uk>
* Emailing Nottinghamshire County Council at [place.planning@nottscc.gov.uk](mailto:place.planning@nottscc.gov.uk)
* Requesting a paper copy of this consultation from:

*Pupil Place Planning, Education Learning and Skills, Children and Families Services, Nottinghamshire County Council, County Hall, West Bridgford, Nottinghamshire, NG2 7QP -* to which your response should be returned.

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**Question 1.**

Do you think that the age range at Holgate Primary and Nursery School be lowered to 2 – 11 years from the existing 3 – 11 years.

Yes

No

Neither agree or disagree

**Question 2**

Do you approve this proposal which would enable the school to offer provision for 2 year olds from Autumn Term 2024?

Yes

No

Neither agree nor disagree

**Question 3**

Do you have any further comments?

**It will help us to analyse responses if we know more about you.**

**Please complete the following details:  
(Please tick and complete all boxes that apply)**

I am a:

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| Parent / Carer | Which school do(es) your child(ren) attend? |
| Governor | At which school? |
| Member of Staff | At which school? |
| Pupil | At which school? |
| Other | Please specify (e.g., resident) |
| What is your post code? |  |