

Consultation on the proposal
to increase the age range
of
Acresfield Primary School

22 October 2018 – 25 November 2018

Cheshire West and Chester Council
Acresfield Primary School Consultation
Children and Young People's Services
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Ellesmere Port,
CH65 0BE

**Acresfield Primary School
Increase in Age Range Consultation**

To Pupils, Parents/Carers, Staff, Governors and Stakeholders

22 October 2018

Cheshire West and Chester Borough Council is proposing to permanently increase the age range of Acresfield Primary School, Acres Lane, Chester, Cheshire, CH2 1LJ from 4-11 years of age to 3-11 years of age from September 2019.

1. Why we are proposing to increase the age range of Acresfield Primary School?

Cheshire West and Chester Borough Council (the Council) have been requested by the Governing Body of Acresfield Primary School (the Governing Body) to permanently increase the age range of the school to include provision for three year-olds. An independent pre-school previously ran onsite from September 2013 until July 2018.

The Governing Body are now seeking to establish provision under their own governance and have allocated school resource to improve the facilities available to pre-school children. It is the Governing Body's wish that the Council now take the necessary steps to enable maintained provision to be extended in age range on a permanent basis from September 2019. They believe this arrangement will offer high quality education to 3 and 4 year olds and provide a smooth transition into statutory education at the school.

2. Where will the provision be made?

The school proposes to create improved welfare facilities to add to the on-site accommodation previously used by the pre-school.

3. Will any building work be required to accommodate the younger children?

The school propose an extension of 23m² to the current premises at an estimated cost of £30-£40k.

4. How many pre-school children will be admitted and will this mean reducing the number of pupils admitted to the school as a consequence?

The Governing Body proposes to admit up to 26 three and four year-olds to attend 10 sessions running over 5 days per week during the 39 week academic year. The permanent establishment of nursery education will not impact upon the capacity of the school to deliver education to children of school age.

5. The consultation process – indicative timeline

Date	Activity
22 October – 25 November 2018	Informal Public Consultation Period
25 October 2018 15.00-19.00	Drop-in Meeting at the school for parents/carers, staff, governors and stakeholders
December 2018	The Director of Education decides whether to progress the proposal to formal consultation.
January 2019	If agreed by the Director, a Public Notice will be published in a local newspaper, displayed at the school and published on the Council's website. During this time 'representations' can be made in response to the proposal. This period of formal consultation will run for four weeks.
March 2019	All responses to the informal consultation and any representations received during the formal consultation will be considered by the decision-maker and will inform the decision whether to approve the proposal.
September 2019	Permanent increase in age range of the school is implemented if the proposal is agreed.

6. How can I give my views?

There are a number of ways to give us your views on this proposal:

- At a drop-in for parents/carers, members of staff and governors is being held at the school on Thursday 25 October 2018 from 15.00 to 19.00, where there will be the opportunity to ask questions and complete a response form.
- By sending the response form to School Organisation Team, Cheshire West and Chester Council, (Nicholas House, Floor 3), 4 Civic Way, Ellesmere Port, CH65 0BE Alternatively, you may hand your response form in at the school. All written responses need to be received by midnight on Sunday 25 November 2018.

By completing the online form at [Acresfieldconsultation](#)

- By emailing schoolplanningandpolicy@cheshirewestandchester.gov.uk
- Visit www.cheshirewestandchester.gov.uk/acresfieldprimaryconsultation for further information.

7. What happens next?

This stage of consultation stage closes at midnight on Sunday 25 November 2018. A report summarising the responses received during this consultation period will be submitted to the Director of Education who will decide whether to proceed with the proposal and move to publish statutory proposals in the form of a public notice to be published in a local newspaper. For a period of four weeks following the publication date any person can comment on the proposals. Having considered all responses a final decision will be made as to whether to approve the proposal.

Acresfield Primary School– public consultation feedback to be completed by deadline of midnight Sunday 25 November 2018

We would like your comments on the Council's proposals for Acresfield Primary School outlined in the accompanying consultation document. Please read this document before completing this survey.

Q1. Please tell us whether you agree or disagree with the proposal to permanently increase the age range Acresfield Primary School from 4-11 years of age to 3-11 years of age?

Agree Disagree Not sure/don't know

Q2. Do you wish to make any additional comments with regards to the proposed change to permanently increase the age range of Acresfield Primary School from 4-11 years of age to 3-11 years of age?

About you

The information you give in this section is strictly confidential and will be used to analyse the responses. All questions are voluntary; please leave blank any you wish not to answer. No information will be released that would allow identification of you as an individual or of your household.

Q3. To which of the following categories do you belong?

Parent/carer Pupil* Governor Member of school staff

Local resident Other** ** Please specify.....

* Please ensure an adult knows you are completing this survey

Q4. Which school (if any) are you linked with

Q5. Please tell us your postcode (not full address).....

Please send any responses back by the deadline of midnight, **25 November 2018**

- By post: School Organisation Team, Cheshire West & Chester Council, (Floor 3, Nicholas House) , 4 Civic Way, Ellesmere Port, CH65 0BE
- Email: schoolplanningandpolicy@cheshirewestandchester.gov.uk

Thank you for completing this survey.

Additional Information

- Cheshire West and Chester Borough Council is a data controller under the Data Protection Act 1998 and will comply with the requirements of the Act at all times. The Council will ensure that your personal information is processed fairly and lawfully and in this instance used only for the purpose of validation, which will enable a fair and just consultation.
- At the end of the period of informal consultation the Council will assess the Equality Impact of the proposal to see if it could affect anyone unfairly. We welcome any comments you might wish to make that might help to inform this assessment.

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