

# Cheshire West and Chester Council

**Proposal to make a prescribed alteration to Byley Primary School, Moss Lane, Byley, Middlewich, CW10 9NG.**

## **School and Local Authority Details**

The proposal to make a prescribed alteration to Byley Primary School, Moss Lane, Byley, Middlewich, CW10 9NG from September 2018 is being published by Cheshire West and Chester Borough Council, HQ Building, 58 Nicholas St, Chester, CH1 2NP. Contact Name and Address: Carolyn Davis, Senior Manager, Education Infrastructure. (Nicholas House 3), 4 Civic Way, Ellesmere Port, CH65 0BE

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## **The Proposal**

It is proposed to permanently change the age range of Byley Primary School from 4-11 years of age to 3-11 years of age, to take effect from September 2018. The school has made such additional provision on a temporary basis since September 2016.

## **Consultation**

An informal pre-consultation was carried out by the School during Summer Term 2016. Having considered the responses to the consultation the School determined to establish provision on a temporary basis from September 2016. The school have now requested the Director of Education to proceed to the formal stage of Notice and Representation required to make this provision permanent. This period of formal consultation will run from 26 April 2018 to 23 May 2018.

Any person or organisation may submit comments to the Council on the proposal and these must be taken into account by the decision-maker who will be the Cabinet Member for Children and Young People. The decision must be made in accordance with statutory guidance.

## **Description of alteration and evidence of demand**

It is proposed that the school permanently increase its age range by making maintained nursery provision for children who have not yet reached compulsory school age. The Governing body of the school believe this increase in the age range of the school is required:

- To ensure all local three and four year-old children with an entitlement to early years education are able to access that entitlement in a local setting of their preference.
- To provide the opportunity for parents to have continuity in children's progression from early years education to statutory age schooling.

The Council's Early Years Commissioner has advised these places are necessary to enable the Council to continue to discharge its duty to ensure a sufficiency of places for three and four year-olds in the area local to the school.

The school initially established provision on a temporary basis because of uncertainty about demand for places. Parental demand for places in the temporary provision has satisfied the Governing Body there is sufficient demand to permanently sustain the provision.

Ofsted has found the school's provision to be 'Good'.

### **The effect on other pre-school provision within the area**

Provision has been established on a temporary basis since September 2016, it is not anticipated that making the provision permanent will have an impact on other pre-school provision within the area.

### **Project costs and indication of how these will be met, including how long term value for money will be achieved;**

Operational costs will be met from the school's revenue budget, supported through the Council's mechanisms for funding early years education.

### **Implementation and any proposed stages for implementation**

If approved by the decision-maker (and subject to there being no appeal by Diocesan Authorities to the Schools Adjudicator) the Governing Body wish to implement the proposal from September 2018.

### **The procedure for responses: support; objections and comments**

A public notice will be published on the Cheshire West and Chester Borough Council website on Thursday 26 April 2018

[www.cheshirewestandchester.gov.uk/byleyprimaryschoolconsultation](http://www.cheshirewestandchester.gov.uk/byleyprimaryschoolconsultation)

A public notice announcing the start of a period of public representations is to be published in the Winsford and Middlewich Guardian on Thursday 26 April 2018.

Within four weeks from the date of publication, any person may send in a response supporting, objecting or commenting on the proposal;

- By sending a response to the Senior Manager, Education Infrastructure, Cheshire West and Chester Borough Council, (Nicholas House Floor 3), 4 Civic Way, Ellesmere Port, CH65 0BE
- By email to [schoolplanningandpolicy@cheshirewestandchester.gov.uk](mailto:schoolplanningandpolicy@cheshirewestandchester.gov.uk)

**The final date for receipt of representations is Midnight Wednesday 23 May 2018.**