

# Cheshire West and Chester Council

## **Proposal to make a prescribed alteration to Malpas Alport Endowed Primary School, Chester Road, Malpas, SY14 8PY.**

### **School and Local Authority Details**

The proposal to make a prescribed alteration to Malpas Alport Endowed Primary School, Chester Road, Malpas, SY14 8PY 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 expand the age range of Malpas Alport Endowed 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 2017.

### **Consultation**

An informal pre-consultation was carried out by the Council during the 2018 Spring Term. Having considered the responses to the consultation the Director of Education has determined the proposal should now proceed to the formal stage of Notice and Representation. This period of formal consultation will run from 18 April 2018 to 15 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 will be 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.

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

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

The proposed provision for 26 three to five year olds will be delivered from accommodation from which a private provider previously made provision for 24 two to five year-olds. Significant housing growth is anticipated in the local area consequently it is not anticipated there will be a detrimental impact on other local provision.

The Governing Body recognise the lack of provision for two year olds in the local area, but do not believe the currently available school premises would allow the school to develop a sustainable offer for high quality two year-olds alongside the proposed maintained nursery model for three to five year-olds.

### **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 Chester or Shrewsbury Dioceses 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 Wednesday 18 April 2018

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

A public notice announcing the start of a period of public representations is to be published in the Whitchurch Herald on Wednesday 18 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 Tuesday 15 May 2018.**