

# **INFORMATION FOR PROPOSALS FOR PRESCRIBED ALTERATIONS**

## **Bridlington Nursery School Proposal to Extend the Age Range**

### **Introduction**

Every school has a defined age range for the pupils it can have on roll. For Bridlington Nursery School to provide pre-school early years education for two-year-olds upon the proposed merger with Sunshine Nursery, the school's defined age range would have to be changed from three to five years to two to five years.

Changing the age range of a community school such as Bridlington Nursery School requires the local authority to undertake a statutory process for prescribed alterations, including the issue of a public notice.

### **School and local authority details**

The proposal is published by the East Riding of Yorkshire Council, County Hall, Beverley, HU17 9BA.

The school to which the proposal relates is a community school, Bridlington Nursery School, Butts Close, Bridlington, East Yorkshire, YO16 7BS.

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

The proposed change to the school's age range, if approved, will take effect from 1 September 2019. The school then intends admitting children to an Early Years Foundation Stage 1 class from the start of the autumn term 2019 (on or after 2 September 2019).

### **Alteration description**

The proposal will allow Bridlington Nursery School to offer provision for Early Years Foundation Stage 1 children by extending the age range of the school from three to five years to two to five years. There are no plans to admit more children than currently attend Bridlington Nursery and Sunshine Nursery combined.

### **School capacity**

The current Net Capacity of Bridlington Nursery School is 135, while the Net Capacity of Sunshine Nursery is 84. The Net Capacity of the merged school will not be affected by the proposed change.

## **Number of pupils on roll**

At the time of publishing this proposal, there were 110 pupils on roll at Bridlington Nursery and 75 on roll at Sunshine Nursery.

## **Objective**

The objective of the proposal is to enable the school to provide Early Years Foundation Stage 1 places at the school for two-, three- and four-year-old children. The proposed places would provide Early Years education places five days a week during term time and continue the wraparound and holiday provision currently offered by Sunshine Nursery.

The governing body of Bridlington Nursery School believes that the proposed changes will allow for better integration of children across the school and a more consistent approach to policies and procedures. It will mean all children who attend the school will have access to the wraparound and holiday care through registration with just one provider.

## **Project costs**

There are no significant capital costs associated with the proposed extension of the school's age range. Adequate and suitable accommodation is already available on the school's site. The school would incur costs in making minor adaptations to the existing accommodation and in providing additional facilities.

## **Existing early-years provision**

At present only children registered with Sunshine Nursery are able to access 52-week-a-year childcare. Bridlington Nursery is currently term-time only as well as catering for three- and four-year-olds only.

At their last Ofsted inspections, Bridlington Nursery School was adjudged 'outstanding' while Sunshine Nursery was 'good'.

## **Proposed provision at Bridlington Nursery School**

The school will continue to offer entitled children 15 hours of free education per week in five three-hour sessions. The merger with Sunshine Nursery will incorporate paid-for wraparound care before and after school and over lunchtimes under one management structure.

The proposed provision will be accommodated, as now, in a modern open-plan educational setting with appropriate facilities. The accommodation and facilities for the pre-school provision meet the current national standards and the accommodation is accessible and suitable for disabled pupils.

Up to 60 per cent of children registered with Bridlington Nursery School come from areas of the highest deprivation – workless households and multi-occupancy houses. The latest figures record 21 per cent receiving Early Years Pupil Premium.

## **Consultation and responses**

A consultation exercise was carried out by Bridlington Nursery School between 7 January and 8 February 2019. Letters were sent to parents of pupils at the school, parents of pre-school children, staff of the school, local pre-school providers, local primary schools, the parish council, residents in the school's catchment area and the local authority.

Three responses were received by the school, all of which were supportive of the proposal.

## **Published Proposal - objections and comments**

The Public Notice will be issued on Tuesday 23 April 2019 in accordance with the School Organisation (Prescribed Alterations to Maintained Schools) (England) Regulations 2013. The period for representations and objections will run from 23 April 2019 to 21 May 2019. After the closing date for representations and objections, the proposal, along with all comments received, will be submitted to the East Riding of Yorkshire Council for determination.

Objections or comments should be sent by email to [schoolorganisation@eastriding.gov.uk](mailto:schoolorganisation@eastriding.gov.uk) or by post to the School Organisation Officer, Pupil Services, East Riding of Yorkshire County Council, County Hall, Beverley, East Riding of Yorkshire HU17 9BA.

This document has been distributed to key stakeholders including parents, staff, neighbouring schools, local pre-school providers, Trade Unions, the Parish Council and the MP.