



Carterhatch Infant School

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Early Years Change of Age Range Consultation

This proposal has been shared with all parents/guardians via our school website.

Summary of proposals

Proposed change of age range at Carterhatch Infant School.

We are proposing to make an alteration to the age range to become a 2–7 year old Infant school, thereby regularising the Early Years age range.

Introduction

The Governors of Carterhatch Infant school wish to consult on a change of age range. The consultation runs from Wednesday 19th June until Wednesday 17th July 2024.

Need for change

The demographics within Enfield and in particular the area around Carterhatch has seen a sharp decrease in young children and infants. Our Reception intake numbers for September 23 and 24 have been around 17% down meaning that only 75 places out of 90 have been filled. By expanding the age range of the school, we feel we can make earlier links with our local community, serve them better and support a wider range of opportunities with the hope that this will increase numbers within our Reception admissions and filter on through the school over the next couple of years raising numbers on role.

The proposals

The Governors of Carterhatch Infant School propose to increase the age range from age 3-7 (Nursery–Y2) to an age 2-7 (Nursery–Y2). This is with effect from October 2024. There is no planned change to the operation of the Early Years Provision. The consultation is a requirement of the School Organisation (Prescribed Alterations to Maintained Schools) (England) Regulations 2013. It is proposed to extend the age range to the maximum allowed, the school wish to extend their Early Years provision to include 2-year-olds. Please note, there is no intention for the services currently provided by the schools to change because of this proposal.

Staffing

Current legislation states that a ratio of one adult to five children must be adhered to with two-year old children. This will include an adult with a Level 3 qualification in Early Years being supported by another Learning Assistant.

Statutory Notices



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Consultation is with schools, parents and other key local and education stakeholders. The consultation is for a four-week period after initial informal consultation from Wednesday 19th June. This consultation is supported by the Governors. This document is part of the consultation and invites parents and stakeholders to make representations via our website or email. We anticipate the final decision to change the age range to be taken in September 2024.

Representations

If you would like to make a representation in response to the notice then please email office@carterhatch-inf.enfield.sch.uk