

Public consultation – Spring 2021

Proposed Change of Age Range of Offmore Primary School

This document contains information that will be

Background information

Worcestershire County Council, as the Local Authority responsible for education provision, has a statutory responsibility to secure, as far as is reasonably possible, early years education provision that is of good quality, accessible, flexible, inclusive and provided through a range of settings to meet parental demand for childcare for children aged two, three and four.

Since the 2006 Childcare Act, families with three-and four-year-old children in England are expected

The County Council will consider evidence from various sources in order to reach a considered view on the merits of the proposal. In particular the following factors:

- The response to the public consultation
- The quality of education provision at the school
- The ability of the school to manage the proposed change to support the continued improvements at the school
- Demand for places at the school and in the local area

Who is being consulted?

This document will be made available to:

- Parents and carers of pupils attending the School
- Staff and Governors of other local schools
- Local District and County Councillors
- Immediate neighbours
- Local Member of Parliament
- Cabinet Member Responsible for Children and Families
- Any other local stakeholder

What happens next?

Consultation Phase Monday 22nd February to Friday 2nd April 2021

During the consultation phase anyone with an interest can express their views on the options expressed in this document. This document, and the meeting detailed on the cover, form part of this consultation.

Submission of formal proposal to Local Authority

The governors will take note of issues raised during the consultation. At the conclusion of the consultation period a decision will be made whether to submit a formal proposal to the County Council, requesting their support.

If a formal proposal is made, officers at the County Council will then prepare a report for the Cabinet Member Responsible detailing the arguments for and against the change. The anonymised responses of the public consultation will be shared with the Cabinet Member Responsible for Education and Skills along with the Governors' comments on the issues raised.

Cabinet Member Responsible Decision

If the Cabinet Member Responsible decides to support the proposal, the County Council will publish formal Public Notice. The public will then have a final opportunity to comment or object within a four-week timescale laid down in law. Notices are published in the local press and displayed outside the School. At the end of the four weeks any objections will be reported to the Cabinet Member Responsible for Children's Services for a final decision.

It is very important that all those involved have a say. Please submit your comments by noon on Friday 2nd April 2021 by completing the online response form available on the school and WCC website at www.worcestershire.gov.uk/schoolconsultations. If you are unable to access the online response form you can obtain a paper copy from the school office.