



CAMBLESFORTH COMMUNITY PRIMARY SCHOOL ACADEMY

PROPOSAL TO CHANGE THE AGE RANGE OF A SCHOOL AND CREATE A FOUNDATION STAGE CLASS AND PROVIDE EXTENDED WRAP AROUND CARE November 2017

The Governors of Camblesforth Community Primary School Academy are proposing to make new early years provision for 3-4 year olds and extend wrap around care for children aged 3 to 11. We would like to know the views of parents and other interested members of the community.

Why are the governors making these proposals?

Nursery Provision

All 3 and 4 year olds are entitled to 15 hours per week of free Early Years Foundation Stage provision from the beginning of the school term following their 3rd birthday until compulsory school age. This free entitlement can be taken up in maintained school nursery and 'foundation stage' classes and/or in an Ofsted registered private and voluntary sector provision. It is parental choice as to which type of provision is most appropriate for their child and most convenient for individual circumstances.

Following the recent closure of a nursery in our village and requests from parents in the community for further nursery provision, Camblesforth Primary School Academy is proposing to provide places for 3 and 4 year olds as an extension of current reception class provision, by the creation of a 'Foundation Stage' class. We are hoping that this will secure provision for 3 and 4 year olds in our community for the future.

Wrap Around Care

To create greater flexibility for parents, governors are proposing an extended service of wraparound care for all pupils in our charge. Currently the school provides a breakfast club from 8am to 8.55am but the school have been approached by several parents requesting extended times for breakfast club and an additional after school care.

The extended wrap around care will run term time only from 7.30am to 8.55am and 3.30pm to 6pm each week day. This will be run by members of our teaching staff in school. The school have had requests from parents for the provision and this ensures that school provision from children, from the age of 3 to 11, better meets the needs of parents.

Provision

What would 'Foundation Stage Class' provision look like?

The Foundation Stage class will be held in the indoor and outdoor spaces currently used by the reception and year 1 class. This will be equipped to provide a high quality learning environment for 3 year olds and the outdoor area will be developed further. There will be high quality play-based provision including role play, sand, water, construction, reading, mark making, and outside play. The classroom will be equipped with suitable furniture, equipment and resources for 3 and 4 year olds. There will be free flow between areas, including outside, offering children the choice of activities and allowing them to engage in learning which is relevant and appropriate to their stage of development.

Knowledgeable and appropriately trained early years staff will work together to provide an excellent environment for young children's development. The Foundation Stage class would have a qualified Early Years teacher and suitably qualified and experienced teaching assistant(s) to support the learning and development of the 3, 4 and 5 year olds.

Wrap Around Care

Before school care (breakfast club) will provide breakfast and activities and after school club will provide a snack and activities for children to take part in.

Why is this consultation taking place?

Wrap Around Care

Currently we only offer breakfast club in school and the first steps in the process of extending wrap around care is that parents and other interested local people must be asked for their views.

How many places will be offered?

We must comply with government statutory guidelines on the ratio of staff to child ratio so places will be limited. Consultation and level of interest will inform staffing ratios.

Which children would be eligible for a place?

All children from nursery to 11 years will be eligible for a place in our wrap around care.

Nursery

Currently the youngest children that the school can admit are in the reception class. In order to take younger children into the proposed new 'foundation stage' class, legal processes must be followed to lower the age range for the school from 4-11 year olds, to 3-11 year olds. The first step in this process is that parents and other interested local people must be asked for their views.

How many places will be offered?

The proposed foundation stage class will provide up to 30 full time places (taken as full time or part time equivalent).

Which children would be eligible for a place?

Priority for admission to the foundation stage class will be determined by the admission policy of the school:

The governors are required to admit to the school a child with a statement of special needs that names the school. This is not an oversubscription criterion. This relates only to children who have undergone statutory assessment and for whom a final statement of special educational needs (SEN) has been issued

ORDER OF PRIORITY:	<i>Notes</i>
First priority: Children and young people in Public Care for whom the school has been expressed as a preference and previously looked after children, that is children who were adopted (or subject to residence orders or special guardianship orders) immediately following having been looked after.	<i>This applies to all looked-after children, including those who are in the care of another local authority.</i> <i>In the case of previously looked after children, a copy of the relevant documentation will be required in support of the application.</i>
Second priority: Children who are recommended by the Director of Children and Young Peoples Service, including children in the care of a local authority, or by the appropriate designated medical officer.	<i>Note: we will only consider applications in this category if they are supported by a recommendation from a doctor, social worker or other appropriate professional which sets out the particular reason(s) why the school in question is the most suitable school and the difficulties that would be caused if the child had to attend another school.</i>
Third priority: Children from homes with poor housing conditions or overcrowding, or from a background which could affect the child's normal educational development.	<i>Note: this should be supported by the recommendation of a doctor, social worker or other appropriate professional.</i>
Fourth priority: Children within the normal area of the school, giving priority to the oldest children first.	
Fifth priority: Children from outside the school's normal area, giving priority to those whose home is nearest to school first.	

Deciding on admissions

The Headteacher will make the offer of a place in the nursery group of the foundation stage class in writing to parents. Admission to the nursery group will not automatically guarantee a place in the reception year group – for this parents must make an application though the normal admissions process.

How will the new foundation stage class affect other providers?

The new foundation stage class would take children aged 3 and 4. Local providers are being consulted and have the opportunity to make their views on the proposal known.

What will happen next?

This is the first step of the consultation. Comments on this consultation will be considered by the Ebor Trustees, who will then decide whether to proceed with the proposal.

If these proposals go ahead, when will the new foundation stage class open?

It is proposed that the first children will join the nursery class in April 2018.

How do I make my views known?

Your views are important and we value your opinions.

You should complete the attached comments sheet and return it to the school.

Comments should be returned by 22nd December 2017

If you have any further queries, these should be addressed to Mrs Bev Fletcher (Headteacher)



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**CONSULTATION ON THE PROPOSAL TO CHANGE THE AGE RANGE OF SCHOOL AND
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Do you consider it desirable that the age range of the school is changed from 4-11 to 3-11 and a Foundation Stage class is set up at the school?

Yes

No

Please delete as appropriate: I would / would not be interested

Any further comments you would like to make:

Do you consider it desirable that the school extend wrap around care to a session from 7.30am to 8.55am and 3.30pm to 6pm?

Yes

No

Please tick as appropriate: I would be interested in using the 7.30-8.55 session
3.30-6.00 session

Any further comments you would like to make:

Name: _____

Please tick the category you represent

Address: _____

Parent

Governor

Post Code: _____

Other

(Please specify _____)

Please return to Camblesforth Community Primary Academy by 22nd December 2017

