

Southbury Primary 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 Southbury Primary School.

We are proposing to make an alteration to the age range to become a 2–11 primary school, thereby regularising the Early Years age range.

Introduction

The Governors of Southbury Primary school wish to consult on a change of age range. The consultation runs from Wednesday 6th December until Wednesday 3rd January.

Need for change

For the last two academic years, the demographic of the local area has meant that only 30 spaces out of 60 have been filled in our current Nursery which has resulted in having one Nursery session rather than two. This has meant that this academic year, we have one Reception class only. In order to avoid becoming a one form entry school, we feel it is crucial to expand our Nursery provision so as to increase our numbers in the Nursery, with the intention of our Nursery pupils staying on with us for Reception. In addition to this, we truly believe that this expanded offer will also allow us to better serve our local community by offering a wider range of opportunities.

The proposals

The Governors of Southbury Primary School propose to increase the age range from age 3-11 (Nursery–Y6) to an age 2-11 (Nursery–Y6). This is with effect from January 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

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 6th December. 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 January 2024.

Representations

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