

15th March 2021

Dear Parents and Carers,

Following our move from Moorside Infant school into our fantastic new Nursery and Reception provision, we would like to formalise our procedures to ensure the efficient running of our Nursery at Moorside. Our classes in the Early Years have grown over the year, with 20 children now on roll in Nursery. We will currently be capping this at 26 children per session and will review this at a later date if required.

Under the proposals set out below, there will be no changes to staffing or the provision that your child is receiving. We will continue to offer:

1. The current high-quality play-based provision, under the supervision of the Early Years Leader.
2. The classrooms are equipped with suitable furniture and resources for 3 and 4 year olds. There will be free flow between provision 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.
3. The new provision will be staffed by our well qualified and experienced early years' practitioners, who will work together with our school leadership team to provide an excellent environment for young children's learning and development.
4. The new provision will be led by the Headteacher and Early Years Leader, under School Governance. It will be inspected by Ofsted at the same time as our school.
5. Lunchtime provision is available to enable children to access 30 hours childcare.

What changes are proposed?

1. Our Nursery will be Governor-led (delegated to the Headteacher). It is currently a 'Foundation Stage Unit'.
2. The provision will be staffed by qualified early years' practitioners, but not necessarily always by a qualified teacher, however, the Early Years Leader will continue to plan the provision with our early years' practitioners and track children's progress, providing additional support as and when required.

Why are the governors making these proposals?

1. The staffing structure will ensure that there is an experienced early years' practitioner leading each session, with the relevant qualifications and the appropriate support staff, so that the school can provide a flexible provision in line with parents' childcare needs. This will be on a ratio of 1:8.
2. This is to ensure that Moorside Primary School and Nursery continues to offer a high standard of continuous provision from the age of 3.



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Why is this consultation taking place?

Governors want to ensure open and fair consultation with parents to gauge demand for their proposed changes and to provide them with sufficient opportunity to give their views.

How many places will be offered?

1. Each session will be able to accommodate up to 26 children.
2. Families will be able to use 15 hours or 30 hours funding, and pay for additional hours.
3. Families can use government funding to attend morning sessions. The extended funding can be used in the afternoon to provide a full day of care (subject to availability) for continuous provision.
4. Before and after school childcare sessions will be available for children of Reception age upwards.

Which children would be eligible for a place?

1. Priority for admission to the Governor-run early years' provision will be determined by the Nursery Admission Policy of the school.
2. Admission to the new Governor-run early years' provision does not guarantee admission to the Reception class in school. Families must follow a separate application process for this.

Deciding on Admissions

The school will make the offer of a place in the new Governor-led early years' provision in writing. If places are over-subscribed we will follow the admissions criteria to determine the allocation of places. The admissions criteria can be found on the school website.

How will the Governor-led early years' provision affect other providers?

Our Governor-led Nursery provision will continue to take children aged 3 and 4 and therefore not affect other providers.

What will happen next?

This is the first step of the consultation. Comments on this consultation will be considered by the Governing Body, which will then decide whether to proceed with the proposal.

If these proposals go ahead, when will the new Governor-led early years' provision open?

It is proposed that our Nursery provision would become 'Governor-led' from 1st June 2021, but there will be no physical changes to current practice, other than through new staff appointments as and when required.

How do I make my views known?

Your views are important and we would value your opinions.

If you would like to, please complete the attached comments sheet and return it to the school.

Comments should be returned by Friday 26th March.

If you have any further queries, these should be addressed to Mrs Claire Rowett (Headteacher).



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**CONSULTATION ON THE PROPOSAL TO CHANGE OUR CURRENT NURSERY OFFER
TO CREATE A NEW GOVERNOR RUN EARLY YEARS' PROVISION**

Do you agree with the proposal as outlined?

Yes No

Any further comments you would like to make:

Name: _____

Please tick the category you represent:

Address: _____

Parent

Governor

Other

Post Code: _____

Please specify: _____

If you are a parent of a nursery aged child, please indicate which times you would be interested in (tick all that apply):

Morning sessions

Afternoon sessions

A mixture of morning and afternoon sessions

Using 15 hours funded childcare

Using 30 hours funded childcare

Which days would you be interested in?

Every day

Wednesday

Monday

Thursday

Tuesday

Friday

Please return to Moorside Primary School and Nursery.

The closing date for receipt of responses is Friday 26th March 2021.