

Public consultation: Proposal for Millfields First School to expand the Governor led early years provision from two years old

Dear Stakeholders,

The Governing Body at Millfields First School is proposing to expand the school's current nursery provision to accommodate children from 2 years old to support the government's childcare expansion. This proposal meets the criteria for a significant change and therefore public notice of this proposed change must be issued.

The objective of the change is to enable the school to offer places to two-year-olds whilst the current provision for three-year-olds and the school's admission number for Reception remains the same. Following requests from families of the school, Millfields would be able to fill two-year-old provision without any external promotion. The provision will run for the academic year of 38 weeks and in addition, offer Wrap around Care from 7.30am until 5.45pm to children in the 2 year old provision and in the 3 year old provision.

The provision will operate on the main school site as part of the current school and nursery provision. The leadership and management of the provision will be alongside out 3 year old provision and Early Years Qualified teaching assistants will work with the children. The children will also benefit from being part of the wider strong Early Years provision, rated Good by Ofsted in April 2024 and will be able to access wider facilities of the school site, for example benefitting from being able to utilise the school hall.

It is very important that all those involved have a say. A copy of the full consultation document and response form can be downloaded from the school website, or a hard copy is available at the school office. The consultation period will run from 2pm on 25th October 2024 until 2pm on 22nd November 2024. We welcome any responses via email to office@millfields.worcs.sch.uk. Telephone responses can also be made by booking an appointment via office@millfields.worcs.sch.uk or calling 01527 831885.

Following review of the consultation responses the Governing Body will decide whether to formally gain permission from Worcestershire LA for this to happen.

We very much welcome input to this consultation from all interested parties and look forward to hearing your views.

Yours sincerely,
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