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Monday 1st March 2021

CONSULTATION ON THE PROPOSED CLOSURE OF THE NURSERY CLASS AT STANILAND PRIMARY ACADEMY AND RAISING OF THE LOWER AGE RANGE FROM THREE TO FOUR YEARS

What are we consulting you on?

Staniland Primary Academy currently offers part-time free early education to three and four year olds (the early years free entitlement, EYFE). The class has 52 places and offers parents morning or afternoon sessions for a total of 15 hours a week, and is open only during school term-times.

This consultation is about a proposal to close the school's nursery class with effect from September 2021 and as a result to raise the school's lower age range from three to four years.

Why are we doing this?

The number of children on roll in the nursery class has been falling in recent years and this has caused significant pressure on the school's overall budget. In spring term 2021 of the 52 places available in Staniland Academy's nursery class there are 12 children on roll. Over the past four years numbers on roll have shown a downward trend and there are currently only a very small number of places booked for September 2021 (four children in total, February 2021).

The low number of families requiring 15 hours of nursery provision does not make the class financially viable to maintain.

Alternative local provision

In terms of alternative early years provision for children and parents, in Boston there are many local schools and academies with nursery classes and available spaces, including at Carlton Road Primary Academy. In addition, there is a wide range of high-quality childcare available with private, voluntary, and independent childcare providers throughout Boston.

We have found that many working parents want provision which is offered outside school hours and terms, which is not on offer at Staniland Academy.

What impact will the proposed changes have?

The proposed change will close the nursery class at Staniland Academy and raise the school's lower age range from three to four years, and this means that parents who wanted their child to attend the school's nursery from September 2021 will have to choose an alternative early years provider for the nursery year. There will be no change for school applications for Reception to year six.

What alternatives has the academy considered?

We have considered several options before the proposal to close the nursery. Morning sessions only, extended sessions, teaching assistant lead sessions, mixed EYFS aged classes, unfortunately the options do not ensure financial viability without having a detrimental effect on the compulsory school years.

What is the process of consultation and change?

The timeline for these proposals is outlined below:

Consultation Period – Monday 1st March – Monday 12th April 2021

Thursday 18th March – Drop-in consultation Meeting (Location: Staniland Academy, 5.00 - 7.00 pm)

September 1st 2021 – Proposed date for the Nursery to close.

Having your say

We welcome feedback and consultation from everyone and this can be given in any of the following ways –

- Email the Staniland Academy Office, for the attention of Miss Rachel Hydes Staniland@bwaf.net
- Letter for the attention of Miss Rachel Hydes, Staniland Academy, Peck Avenue, Boston, PE21 8DF
- Weduc (Parents of current Staniland Pupils) for the attention of Miss Rachel Hydes

We will need your feedback by Monday 12th April by 12.00 noon for us to be able to take it into account.

Yours Faithfully



Rachel Hydes

Headteacher, Staniland Academy