

Statutory proposals for Prescribed Alterations to extend the age range of Oakfield Primary School to add a Nursery

1.0 Introduction

This report provides a detailed explanation regarding North Lincolnshire Council's proposal to expand the age range of Oakfield Primary School to add a nursery provision.

This report meets the requirement as specified in the DfE's Guidance Document: Making 'prescribed alterations' to maintained schools, Statutory guidance for proposers and decision-makers April 2016.

2.0 What is being proposed.

The Department for Education made available capital funding to support the implementation of 30 hours free childcare for working parents of 3-4 year olds. North Lincolnshire Council was successful in bidding for funding to extend the early years provision at Oakfield Primary School.

It is proposed to extend the age range of Oakfield Primary School to add a nursery unit which will open on 1 January 2018. The nursery unit will make provision for 26 full time equivalent nursery places, 15 places will be available from 1st January 2018 rising to 26 places as demand increases. The proposed age range of the school will change from 5-11 years to 3-11years.

3.0 Who is publishing the proposal and how do I contact the proposer?

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Within four weeks from the date of publication of this proposal, any person may object to or make comments on the proposal. The planned date for the proposal to be implemented is 1st January 2018.

4.0 How will the proposal be implemented?

It is proposed that the age range of Oakfield Primary School be extended from the existing 5-11years of age to 3-11 years of age including a 26 place nursery. This will be implemented on 1st January 2018.

A change in age range would enable the school to provide Early Education to children aged 3, 4 years old, 15 places will be available from 1st January 2018 rising to 26 places as demand increases. A nursery unit will be built onto the existing school. Transitional arrangements will not be required and travel will be unaffected.

5.0 Objectives and reason for the proposal

Objective: To offer improved transition for children and families into the reception class and impact positively on future achievement. To enable the delivery of the 30 hours extended entitlement for working parents which is due to come into effect from September 2017.

Background:

What are the benefits of adding a nursery unit to Oakfield Primary School?

Research has proven that school led nurseries directly improve academic and social progress for children from 0-5.

Extending the age range means enables the school to teach the foundation curriculum from 3-5 years. This means that children can access continuity of provision across the foundation stage. Children should experience significantly less adjustment anxieties when moving from the Nursery to Reception provision.

6.0 Evidence of demand and pupil numbers

- The capacity of Oakfield Primary School is: 315
- With a nursery unit added the capacity will be 315 plus a 26 place nursery. This will be sufficient to accommodate 26 full time equivalent nursery places. No pupils will be displaced.

The current admission number 45.

The following provides details of the current number of pupils admitted to the school in each relevant age group.

Oakfield Primary School						
<u>YR</u>	<u>Y1</u>	<u>Y2</u>	<u>Y3</u>	<u>Y4</u>	<u>Y5</u>	<u>Y6</u>
45	44	44	45	45	44	45

Spring – Term census January 2017

7.0 Project costs

£295,000 capital funding.

8.0 Effects on other Schools/Academies

This proposal is not considered to have any direct impact on other schools or academies in the area.