



Have your say on the proposed opening of a new Preschool at Hughenden Primary School

This is being applied for under Governor Powers Section 27. We are seeking views from parents/carers and all stakeholders. The consultation will take place in line with government statutory guidance which can be found here:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/early-education-and-childcare--2>

The 14 day consultation period will start on 15th March 2018 and end on the 29th March 2018 at 1.30pm.

The consultation document can also be found on our website: www.hughendenprimary.co.uk
Alternatively, you can email your response to office@hughendenprimary.co.uk or call 01494 562501 to discuss further. We look forward to hearing from you.

Your feedback is important and will be used to inform decisions about this proposal.

We are working transparently with this process and have discussed the prospect of opening our pre-school in consultation with Hughenden Pre School and we both see opportunities to work collaboratively in the future.

We are available to discuss this in school on Thursday 22nd March between 4-5pm if you would like to visit and discuss your concerns in person.

Introduction

We are a growing, caring village school moving to single form entry with an outstanding team of skilled and dedicated staff. We are proud of the excellent academic results, the mature attitudes and very good behaviour of all our children.

As a staff and governor team, we are committed to providing a calm, happy and stimulating environment in which each individual child is valued. We support and encourage our children to play and work very hard. We have the highest expectations for each and every one of our children.



What we are consulting on:

To develop and plan for a pre-school at Hughenden Primary School with the intention to offer this provision to a maximum of 16 children offering 30 hours. This will open in September 2018.

We are one of the only Primary schools in the area without this provision already in place. We have found through talking to prospective parents and our own school community that parents look for the following when choosing education for their children:

- Wrap around care
- Extra-curricular clubs
- Preschool provision on site
- Hot school lunches across the whole school
- Choice
- Continuity, all provision in one location
- Dedicated pastoral lead in school offering nurture and welfare for staff and children
- Inclusivity and an open door policy
- Range of experiences offered to the children sharing these with other year groups across the school
- On site conservation area for Forest School
- Strong connections with local community groups such as St Michael & All Angels Church, Hughenden Village Shop
- School sited away from a main road
- Lollipop crossing patrol

There are many benefits to running a preschool on the school site, these are:

- Preschool children become familiar with the school grounds and environment.
- Preschool children have the opportunity to integrate with children in other year groups to build confidence and social skills.
- Preschool children become familiar with school staff which makes the transition, where relevant, into Foundation class and KS1 much smoother. Entry into preschool does not guarantee a school place in Foundation.
- School can meet the needs of parents with children of different ages.
- Less congestion on local roads.
- More funding for school utilising strengths and staff resources to full extreme.
- Children get used to wearing school uniform from an earlier age which in turn saves parents money from having to purchase different uniforms.
- Dedicated Sendco in school to support picking up the needs of children at a younger age, securing funding to meet their needs.
- Parents can become involved in the schools PTA to boost support, involvement and inclusion.
- Offering parental support to develop learning at home.
- Develop parent workshops eg: for encouraging earlier reading skills.
- Use of school resources and schemes of work to further encourage childrens' learning.
- Access to a school library.
- Development of children's fine motor skills, physical learning and development and early cognitive skills.
- School activities and fundraisers can be shared across the whole school encompassing the pre-school.
- Able to introduce an earlier introduction to Inspire Maths using the Singapore Maths that is embedded across the whole school.



Consultation Questionnaire for the proposal of a new Pre School provision at Hughenden Primary School

Please read the supporting information provided above before completing the questionnaire. Please note your responses to the survey including your comments may be released to the general public in full under the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

Q1. In what role are you responding to this consultation? Please tick next to one of the options:

- Parent/carer of a child attending the pre-school
 - Parent/carer who is considering sending their child to the pre-school
 - Local resident/ School/pre-school staff
 - Other (please specify below)
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Q2. The proposal is to open a new pre-school registered with Ofsted under Governor Powers, Section 27 of the Education Act. To what extent do you agree or disagree with this proposal? Please tick next to one of the options:

- Strongly agree
 - Tend to agree
 - Neither agree nor disagree
 - Tend to disagree
 - Strongly disagree
 - Don't know
 - Why do you say this?
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Q3. How much, if at all, would the proposals affect your ability to access pre-school provision for your child/children? Please tick next to one of the options:

The proposals would:

- make it much easier
 - make it a little easier
 - make little difference overall
 - make it a little more difficult
 - make it much more difficult
 - Don't know
 - Why do you say this?
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Q4 Do you have any other comments?

Thank you for your assistance. Your views are important to us.