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**Public Consultation**

**Change of Age Range in Existing Nursery at Gainsborough Primary & Nursery School**

**The Proposal**

In order to meet demand in the local area, Gainsborough Primary & Nursery School is proposing to extend the age range of the school to 2 -11 years. This is in order to facilitate younger nursery classes in the school. The nursery will be located within the existing school grounds.

The principal and governors of Gainsborough Primary & Nursery School will lead the extended school, which will include the new nursery classes.

It is proposed that the nursery will be ready to welcome children at the start of the autumn term in September 2025. The school would extend its early years provision to develop an additional class for those children who are eligible to attend the nursery from the term after their 2<sup>nd</sup> birthday. The new nursery class will have a qualified teacher and appropriately trained early years professionals.

The consultation period begins on 4<sup>th</sup> September and ends on 4<sup>th</sup> October 2024. All comments will be considered within this period and responses will be published publicly on the school website once the consultation period is complete.

**What will this look like?**

The new nursery will be able to offer an additional 15 places to those already in existence. The 2-3 year old nursery class will be led by a qualified teacher. An early years' team will deliver high quality provision consisting of five, 3 hour morning sessions 9am – 12pm and five 3 hour afternoon sessions, 12pm – 3pm. **This will not alter our Admissions arrangement policy for entering Reception class in September 2025-26.**

## **What is the motivation behind this change?**

Gainsborough Primary & Nursery school have provided high quality education to children from the age of three since 2010. Since the introduction of additional government funding for nursery places, demand in the local area has grown and we have become aware that there is a need for additional places for younger pupils.

There will be opportunities for children to work across Early Years Foundation Stage (EYFS) with joint activities leading to successful transition for pupils.

Both nursery and reception classes will work together and form an EYFS unit with qualified teachers planning together.

We have an opportunity to further improve family liaison, which is essential to relationships with families and children.

We will be able to identify SEND earlier and intervene to maximise impact for pupils.

Utilisation of school grounds will ensure shared, first class, safe facilities to benefit all learners, including nursery age pupils.

Early Years education maximises children's progress and development. Research shows that school led nurseries, without interruption of change of setting, give children the best opportunities to effectively improve academic and social progress.

## **Why is this consultation taking place?**

The youngest children that school can admit currently are three years old. They can join the nursery in the term following their third birthday. We value the voice of our parents and other stakeholders and wish to keep you informed.

## **How can I make my views known?**

Your views are important to us and we value your opinions. You can send your comments by email to: [admin@gainsborough.cheshire.sch.uk](mailto:admin@gainsborough.cheshire.sch.uk).

We welcome your comments.

Yours sincerely,

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