

## **PROPOSAL TO CHANGE THE AGE RANGE OF: Bishops Nympton Primary School**

### **School and LA details**

Bishops Nympton Primary School  
Bishops Nympton  
South Molton  
EX36 4PU

LA: Devon County Council, County Hall, Topsham Road, Exeter, Devon, EX2 4QD

### **Change of age range**

Devon County Council and the Governing Body of Bishops Nympton Primary School are proposing to change the school's age range from 4-11 to 2-11 years of age from September 2018.

### **Evidence of demand**

Bishops Nympton Primary is a Community Primary School near South Molton. The proposal is also for Bishops Nympton Governor-run Pre-School to become part of Bishops Nympton Primary School rather than operating as an extended service. The Pre-School will become a Nursery Class within the school.

If the proposals are approved, funding will be paid into the federation budget, the early year's staff will be employed directly by the federation and children currently in the pre-school will be registered on the respective school roll. This means the Federation must add those children to the school census.

Devon's Early Years and Childcare Service is extremely supportive of this proposal to ensure sufficiency of provision in this area.

Planning consent is not required.

It is also confirmed that no capital is required from the Local Authority, the proposal will not affect the school's net capacity or planned admission number and will not pressure on existing classroom space.

Parents will still need to make a separate application to Devon County Council for a place in the Reception class.

### **Objectives**

Extending the age range of the School will allow children to attend their local early years provision.

### **Education standards**

At the time of the informal consultation, Bishops Nympton was an Ofsted 'Good' school (February 2017).

### **The effect on other Schools, Academies and educational institutions in the area**

The school already has a maintained nursery and given the demand for places in the area, it is unlikely to have a negative effect on other providers in the area.

### **Project Costs**

The School has confirmed that no capital will be required.

### **Implementation and any proposed stages for implementation**

The proposals, if approved, will be implemented with effect from September 2018.

### **Effect on existing pupils**

There is already a governor run pre-school and lowering the age range by two years will not affect existing pupils.

### **Consultation**

The informal consultation was held from 13 June to 20 June 2018. There were three responses, all from parents or potential parents at the school. Two were in favour but had concerns. One had concerns.

### **Response to Brief Notice**

You can object to or comment on the proposals by:

Email: [schoolconsultations@devon.gov.uk](mailto:schoolconsultations@devon.gov.uk) or writing to: Strategic Planning Children's Services, Lucombe House, Room AB2, Devon County Council, County Hall, Topsham Road, Exeter, EX2 4QD.

by the closing date of **5pm on Friday 20 July 2018**.

**Please note that all responses will be shared directly with the school unless you request otherwise.**