

INFORMATION FOR PROPOSALS FOR PRESCRIBED ALTERATIONS

Elloughton Primary School Proposal to Extend the Age Range

School and local authority details

The proposal is published by the East Riding of Yorkshire Council, County Hall, Beverley, HU17 9BA.

The school to which the proposal relates is a community school, Elloughton Primary School, Stockbridge Road, Elloughton, East Riding of Yorkshire HU15 1HN.

Implementation and any proposed stages for implementation

The proposed change to the school's age range, if approved, will take effect from 1 January 2017.

Objections and comments

The Public Notice will be issued on 6 October 2016. The period for representations and objections will run from 6 October 2016 to 3 November 2016.

Any objections or comments should be sent by email to schoolorganisation@eastriding.gov.uk or by post to the School Organisation Officer, Pupil Services, East Riding of Yorkshire County Council, County Hall, Beverley, East Riding of Yorkshire HU17 9BA.

This document has been distributed to key stakeholders including parents, staff, neighbouring schools and local pre-school providers, Trade Unions, the Parish Council and the MP.

Additional copies of this document can be obtained from the School Organisation Officer whose contact details are provided above.

Alteration description

To establish provision for Early Years Foundation Stage 1 children and extend the age range from 4-11 to 2-11. The school will be able to accommodate up to 26 children in the Early Years Foundation Stage 1 provision.

School capacity

The current Net Capacity of the school for children in Reception and Years 1 to 6 is 315 and the Net Capacity will remain at 315. The Published Admission Number for admissions to the Reception year group at the school is 45 and will remain 45.

Number of pupils on roll

At the time of publishing this proposal, there were 282 pupils on roll at Elloughton Primary School in Reception and Years 1 to 6.

Implementation

The proposed change to the school's age range, if approved, would take effect from 1 January 2017.

Objective

The objective of the proposal is to enable the school to provide Early Years Foundation Stage 1 places at the school for two and three year old children. The proposed places for 2 and 3 year olds would enhance and expand the provision of places in the area, offering parents greater choice and meeting a need for further early years provision in the area.

Consultation

A consultation exercise was carried by Elloughton Primary School in May 2016. Letters were sent to parents of pupils at the school, to parents of pre-school children in the area, staff of the school, local pre-school providers, local primary schools, the parish council and the local authority.

Consultation responses

There were 28 responses to the consultation exercise carried out by Elloughton Primary School. Twenty four responses were from parents, 21 supported the proposal and three requested more information or expressed concerns about aspects of the proposal. A response from a member of staff also supported the proposal.

Responses from a local resident, from Stockbridge Pre-school and from Welton Primary School were also received and some concerns were expressed about the proposal. Additional information was requested about the size, organisation, staffing and management of the proposed early years provision. Comments were also made about the potential effects on other early years providers, the accessibility and availability of school based early years places generally in the wider area and the potential increase in traffic and parking problems in the vicinity of Elloughton Primary School.

Concerns were expressed about the potential effects on the provision of music lessons taught by peripatetic music teachers. However, the provision for peripatetic music lessons will continue and will not be affected by the proposed plans to extend the school's age range.

Information about the organisation, staffing and management of the proposed early years provision, existing provision and the anticipated need for early years places is included elsewhere in this document.

With regards to the concerns expressed about traffic and parking problems; the school will be encouraging parents/carers to walk to school. Local businesses in the area have agreed to assist in providing off street parking at times when parents/carers are dropping children off. The location of the school also allows for plenty of on street parking.

Project costs

There are no capital costs associated with the proposed extension of the school's age range. Adequate and suitable accommodation is already available within the school's existing Foundation Stage area.

Early years provision

The proposed Foundation Stage 1 provision at the school will provide for up to 26 full time equivalent children. There will be 10 sessions a week lasting 3 hours. The accommodation and facilities will be accessible and suitable for disabled pupils.

As well as the 26 Foundation Stage 1 children, there will be up to 45 Foundation Stage 2 children taught in the Foundation Stage provision. The Foundation Stage provision at the school will be staffed by 3 fully qualified teachers and 3 teaching assistants and nursery nurses. There is sufficient capacity at the school to cater for the Foundation Stage 1 children in the Foundation Stage area at the school. The Foundation Stage area previously accommodated two year groups (Foundation Stage 2 and Year 1) of up to 90 children in total. The area has been adapted for Foundation Stage teaching and now has sufficient space for the proposed 26 Foundation Stage 1 and up to 45 Foundation Stage 2 children. Year 1 children are now taught in a different part of the school.

Evidence of demand

There are three schools within three miles of Elloughton Primary School: Brough Primary School, Hunsley Primary School and Welton Primary School. None of these three schools has a nursery class.

The existing nursery provision in the area served by Elloughton Primary School consists of Elloughton Private Nursery with Little Acorns Ltd and Stockbridge Pre-school. Both have been rated as good by OFSTED in their most recent inspection reports. Whilst the provision currently available is good, Elloughton Private Nursery with Little Acorns Ltd has insufficient capacity to cater for local demand and currently has a waiting list. Stockbridge Pre-school offers four morning and two afternoon sessions a week, with no provision available on Thursdays.

It is clear from the responses received from parents that many of them would support the establishment of nursery provision at Elloughton Primary School, with 21 of 24 responses from parents supporting the proposed alteration to the age range change and the establishment of nursery provision at Elloughton Primary School.

In the areas within a walking distance of Elloughton Primary School, the number of livebirths per year has averaged over 147 over the last five years. New housing developments in the locality are already underway and a substantial housing project within walking distance of Elloughton Primary School is expected to start shortly. There is therefore an existing significant population of pre-school children and an anticipated increase in numbers in the future which exceeds the availability of early years education places.