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Corporation Road Community Primary School
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Consultation – proposal to change the age range of the school from 3-11 to 2-11 by increasing the nursery provision of our school

Dear parents, carers and members of our local community

I am writing to let you know of a proposed change to the age range at Corporation Road School which will enable us to offer nursery provision from the age of 2.

Currently we offer nursery places from the age of 3 and under this new initiative this age would be lowered and allow us to offer nursery places from the age of 2

We believe this change will support our community and provide greater access to high quality nursery provision from a younger age. This will help our children access support with their early years education from a younger age and help foster the positive long term relationships with our families.

Is there demand for the 2 year old Nursery Provision?

The pupil numbers at Corporation Road have risen significantly in recent years including the demand for our current nursery. Initial discussions with our families have shown a huge interest in the nursery offering places to younger children. It will allow the children to join our school at the age of 2 and progress through to 11. The need for transition in their early education from one setting to another is then reduced which can help children in their achievement and development.

Where will the new facility be based?

There is capacity for the extended nursery to be housed alongside the existing provision, meaning that children will access the same rich nursery environment currently on offer and can progress seamlessly through to reception class.

Support for the Nursery?

Trustees of Lingfield Education Trust and Local Governors all support this proposal and believe it is in the best interests of the school and the pupils. The school and trust have extensive experience of delivering high quality education in early years and would ensure this continues with the offer to 2 year olds

What Nursery hours are on offer?

The nursery hours on offer in the initial start up phase of the nursery are 10 morning and 10 afternoon places with the possibility for 30 hours across the day. This will be reviewed following this consultation. A final offer will then be confirmed for September 2025

What are the next stages of the process?

The consultation will run from Thursday 5th December until Thursday 27th December. To let us know your thoughts please email us at admin@corporationroad.darlington.sch.uk

Yours sincerely



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