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Frequently Asked Questions

RE: Consultation to change the age range of St. Peter's Church of England Primary School, Hixon from 4-11 to 2-11

Q: What is the proposal?

The proposal is to lower the age range of St. Peter's from 4-11 to 2-11, to allow us to open a new school-based, teacher-led nursery provision for 2, 3 and 4 year olds.

Q: Why does the school want to make the change?

The development of a new nursery provision at St. Peter's will allow us to give the children in our community the very best start to their education and will ensure a consistent setting and approach to learning for our youngest learners.

Q: How long is the consultation process and how do I respond?

The consultation starts on 4th May 2021 and will run until 15th June 2021. During this time, you can make representation in writing or by email. We will publish and update a Frequently Asked Questions section on both the school's and the pre-school's website to include any questions or concerns that might emerge during the consultation phase.

Please label all responses 'Nursery Consultation' and send them to:

Email: office@st-peters-hixon.staffs.sch.uk

In writing to: Headteacher, St Peter's Church of England Primary School, Church Lane, Hixon, Staffordshire. ST18 0PS.

All responses will be reported to the Trust for consideration.

Q: How will the proposal affect school admissions at St. Peter's?

The proposal to lower the school age to 2-11 will not affect the school admissions process at St. Peter's. The published pupil admission number will not increase and those wishing to remain or join St. Peter's for reception will all need to complete an application and places will be offered in the usual way, by applying the school's admissions criteria.

Available here: <https://www.st-peters-hixon.staffs.sch.uk/wp-content/uploads/2020/10/Admission-Arrangements-2021-2022.pdf>

Q: Do Governors and staff at St. Peter's support the proposal?

The Mid-Trent Multi Academy Trust, with the Local Academy Committee of St. Peter's CE Primary School, and staff all support the proposal, as they believe our school community and future pupils would benefit from the lowering of our school age to allow for a school-based, teacher-led Nursery provision.

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Q: Do Hixon Pre-School support the proposal?

The Directors board at Hixon Pre-School support the proposal to transfer of the Pre-School into the new school provision at St. Peter's and look forward to working with the school in this new venture.

Q: If the consultation and application is successful, what will happen to Hixon Pre-School?

Should the consultation and subsequent application be successful, Hixon Pre-School as an organisation would close in line with the school nursery opening to enable a seamless transition for pupils. Children already registered or on roll with the Pre-School would all be offered a guaranteed place within the new nursery provision should they wish to transfer. Under TUPE, the staff currently working within the Pre-School would be invited to join the staff of the new school nursery and we are planning to work very closely with the Pre-School staff to build upon the excellent foundations they have already laid for our children as we develop this proposal together.

Q: How will the proposal affect parking in the local area at school drop off and pick up time?

It is anticipated that there would be limited impact upon parking at drop off and pick up times as Hixon Pre-School drop off and collection is already happening at this time, so any increase is likely to be minimal. We appreciate that parking, at these busy times, is difficult and will continue to encourage families to walk to school where possible and explore further options to improve this for all families moving forwards.

Q: When is the provision likely to open?

We hope that the provision will be open from September 2021, however this will be subject to a successful application with the Department for Education (DfE). If there is a delay in the application process, we will work closely with Hixon Pre-School to align the closure of the Pre-School with the opening of the school nursery to ensure that there is no loss in service for our children.

Q: Where will the new provision be located on the school site?

The new provision will utilise the current Hixon Pre-School building as well as one of the classrooms in the main school building.

Q: What will the opening times be for the new provision?

Opening times for the nursery setting will be from 8.50am – 3.30pm, in line with current Hixon Pre-School times and the St. Peter's school times. In addition, optional wraparound care will be available from 7.45am – 5.45pm if parents require extended hours.

Q: How can I express an interest in my child attending the provision, should the application be successful?

Applications for nursery places will open once our DfE application is approved, however if you would like to be kept up to date with this, you can express an interest in your child attending the provision by contacting Hixon Pre-School on 07582 825841 or the school on 01889 270233 during office hours. You can also complete this [online expression of interest form](#) to be added to our communications list.

Q: Do I need to reapply if my child already has a place with Hixon Pre-school?

No. All children currently on roll, or registered for a place from September, will be guaranteed a place within the new provision. We will contact you in the coming weeks to make sure that you are happy to transfer across to the new setting when it opens and answer any questions you may have.

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