



# St. Peter's Church of England Primary School

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**Mid-Trent**  
Multi Academy Trust

Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> May 2021

Dear All,

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

The Board of Directors for Mid-Trent Multi Academy Trust, with St. Peter's Church of England Primary School, are proposing to lower the age range of St. Peter's from 4-11 to 2-11, to allow us to open a new nursery provision for 2, 3 and 4 year olds.

### **What are we proposing?**

Working closely with the staff team at Hixon Pre-School, we are proposing to transfer the current Hixon Pre-School provision into a new school-based, teacher-led nursery. 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.

As a school, we are keen to ensure that high-quality early years education is available for all children in the local area. We propose to develop an exceptional Early Years department, within St. Peter's, which:

- Will offer Think 2, 15 hours and 30 hours funded childcare places, as well as affordable parent funded places to ensure all children are able to access early education within our setting.
- Will operate during school hours, Monday – Friday, term-time only.
- Will have the facility to offer wrap around childcare to extend the nursery day from 7.45am – 5.45pm.
- Will raise the educational attainment of children entering Reception classes within the local area.
- Will ensure that children leaving the Nursery setting are school-ready as a result of having experienced the school-based, teacher-led provision.
- Will eliminate transition for those children who choose St. Peter's as their preferred primary school in Reception (Please note there is no automatic right for Nursery aged children to gain a Reception place at the school. Parents of Nursery aged children would need to apply in the normal way for admission to St. Peter's).

### **What happens next?**

We intend to apply to the Department for Education for a significant change to the age range of St. Peter's CE Primary School following a successful consultation with our stakeholders. We are now entering a consultation period running from 4<sup>th</sup> May until 15<sup>th</sup> June. During this period, we will be sharing this proposal with parents/carers, pupils, staff, unions, governors, the Diocese, the local community, including churches where appropriate and other local nurseries and schools.

### **How can I respond to this proposal?**

We sincerely welcome any responses and questions you may have regarding this proposal. To respond, we kindly ask you to email or write to us using the address at the top of this letter. Please label all responses 'Nursery Consultation'.

### **How can I find out more?**

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. In addition, a public consultation meeting will be held virtually on Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> May at 2pm, if you would like to attend please contact the school office for joining instructions by Friday 21<sup>st</sup> May at 3pm.

We look forward to working with you as we develop this proposal,

Yours Sincerely,

Mrs C Pilkington  
Headteacher

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