

ST PETER'S BRAFFERTON CE (VA) PRIMARY SCHOOL

PROPOSAL TO CHANGE THE AGE RANGE OF OUR SCHOOL AND TO RE-OPEN THE GOVERNOR RUN EARLY YEARS PROVISION

January 2018

The Governing Body of St Peter's Brafferton CE (VA) Primary School is proposing to re-open the early years provision for 3-4 year olds and to extend this so that we can also admit 2 year olds. We would like to know the views of parents and other interested members of the community.

Why are the governors making these proposals?

St Peter's Brafferton CE (VA) Primary School is proposing to provide places for 2, 3 and 4 year olds in a new Governor-run early years provision. In order to support school readiness we are proposing to offer up to 30 hours of early education each week in term time. We are also considering making wrap-around provision before and after school available for 2,3 and 4 year olds, and in holiday periods to meet parental demand. Parents will be able to use funded hours within the early years provision or may choose to use a mixture of funded and paid hours.

All 3 and 4 year olds are entitled to 15 hours per week of funded Early Years Foundation Stage provision from the beginning of the school term following their 3rd birthday until compulsory school age. From September 1st 2017, those 3 and 4 years olds whose families meet the eligibility criteria are eligible for 30 hours of provision. Some 2 year olds whose families meet eligibility criteria may also qualify for 15 hours per week funded provision. These funded entitlements can be taken up in maintained school nursery or 'foundation stage' classes; and/or with an Ofsted registered private and voluntary sector provider. It is parental choice as to which type of provision is most appropriate for their child and most convenient for individual circumstances.

What will the new Governor-run early years provision look like?

There will be high quality play-based provision including role play, sand, water, construction, reading, mark making, and outside play. The room will be equipped with suitable furniture, equipment and resources for 2, 3 and 4 year olds. There will be free flow between areas, including outside, offering children the choice of activities and allowing them to engage in learning which is relevant and appropriate to their stage of development. The new provision will be staffed by well qualified and experienced early years practitioners who will work together with our school leadership team to provide an excellent environment for young children's learning and development.

Why is this consultation taking place?

Currently the youngest children that the school can admit are in the reception class. In order to take younger children into the proposed new Governor-run early years provision, legal processes must be followed to lower the age range for the school from 3-11year olds, to 2-11 year olds. The

first step in this process is that parents, prospective parents and local people must be asked for their views.

How many places will be offered?

The proposed new Governor-run early years provision will provide up to 21 places for 2-4 year olds.

Which children would be eligible for a place?

Priority for admission to the Governor-run early years provision will be determined by the admission policy of the school which can be viewed in full on our school website at www.st-peters-brafferton.n-yorks.sch.uk

All governing bodies are required to admit to the school a child with a statement of special needs that names the school. This is not an oversubscription criterion. This relates only to children who have undergone statutory assessment and for whom a final statement of special educational needs (SEND) has been issued

Admission to the Governor-run early years provision does not guarantee admission to the reception class in school. Families must follow a separate application process for this.

ORDER OF PRIORITY:	Notes
<p><u>First Priority:</u> 'Looked after'- children and previously looked after children. (A looked after child is a child who is (a) in the care of a local authority, or (b) being provided with accommodation by a local authority at the time of making an application to school. Previously looked after children are children who were 'looked after', but ceased to be so because they were adopted or became subject to a child arrangements order or special guardianship order.)</p>	<p>This applies to all looked-after children, including those who are in the care of another local authority.</p> <p>In the case of previously looked after children, a copy of the relevant documentation will be required in support of the application.</p>
<p><u>Second priority:</u> Children with special medical or social circumstances affecting the child where these needs can only be met at this school. Note: Supporting evidence from a professional, eg a doctor, psychologist, social worker, is essential if admission is to be made under the criterion for special medical or social circumstances, and such evidence must set out the particular reasons why the school in question is the most suitable school and the difficulties which would be caused if the child had to attend another school</p>	<p>We will only consider applications in this category if they are supported by a recommendation from a doctor, social worker or other appropriate professional which sets out the particular reason(s) why the school in question is the most suitable school and the difficulties that would be caused if the child had to attend another school.</p>
<p><u>Third priority:</u> Children normally resident within the ecclesiastical parishes of Brafferton with Pilmoor and Myton-on-Swale, who have a brother or sister who will be a registered pupil of the school at the proposed date of admission for this school.</p>	<p>A map showing the parish boundaries is available in school.</p> <p>'Brother or sister' includes full, step, half, foster, adopted brothers and sisters living at the same address and full brothers and</p>

<p><u>Fourth Priority:</u> Other children normally resident within the ecclesiastical parishes of Brafferton with Pilmoor and Myton-on-Swale.</p>	<p>sisters living apart.</p>
<p><u>Fifth priority:</u> Children normally resident outside the ecclesiastical parishes of Brafferton with Pilmoor and Myton-on-Swale who have a brother or sister who will be a registered pupil of the school at the proposed date of admission.</p>	<p>'Brother or sister' includes full, step, half, foster, adopted brothers and sisters living at the same address and full brothers and sisters living apart</p>
<p><u>Sixth priority:</u> Children whose parent(s) are regular worshipping members of St Peter's Church in Brafferton, St Mary's Church in Myton or St Mary Magdalene's Church at Thormanby</p>	<p>Regular worshipping member is defined as one of the child's parent(s) attending worship at a regular public service at any of the Churches at least once a month for at least a year immediately prior to the application, verified by a supporting letter from the minister. Applicants seeking admission under this criterion should complete and return the supplementary form by the closing date, together with the common application form.</p>
<p><u>Seventh priority:</u> Other children.</p>	

Deciding on admissions

The Headteacher will make the offer of a place in the new Governor-run early years provision in writing.

How will the new Governor-run early years provision affect other providers?

The new Governor-run early years provision would take children aged 2, 3 and 4. Local pre-school providers are being consulted and will have the opportunity to make their views on this proposal known.

What will happen next?

This is the first step of the consultation. Comments on this consultation will be considered by the Governing Body, which will then decide whether to proceed with the proposal.

If these proposals go ahead, when will the new Governor-run early years provision open?

It is proposed that the first children will be able to join the Governor-run early years provision in September 2018

How do I make my views known?

Your views are important and we would value your opinions.

You should complete the attached comments sheet and return it to the school.

Comments should be returned by Tuesday 20th February 2018

If you have any further queries, these should be addressed to Mrs Judith Williams (Headteacher) either at the school address or by email admin@st-peters-brafferton.n-yorks.sch.uk

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**NORTH YORKSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL
ST PETER'S BRAFFERTON CE (VA) PRIMARY SCHOOL**

CONSULTATION ON THE PROPOSAL TO CHANGE THE AGE RANGE OF OUR SCHOOL AND
CREATE NEW GOVERNOR RUN EARLY YEARS PROVISION

Do you consider it desirable that the age range of our school is changed from 3-11 to 2-11 and to re-open the Governor-run early years provision?

Yes

No

Any further comments you would like to make:

Please indicate if you would be interested in a place for your 2, 3 or 4 year old:

From 9.00-12.00 each morning

Full days : 8.45am - 3.30 pm

Full days including some wrap-around provision : Before school / After School / Holidays

Name: _____

Address: _____

Post Code: _____

Please tick the category you represent:

Parent

Governor

Other

Please specify _____

Please return to St Peter's Brafferton CE (VA) Primary School, School Terrace, Brafferton, Helpby, York, YO61 2PA or electronically via admin@st-peters-brafferton.n-yorks.sch.uk

The closing date for receipt of responses is Tuesday 20th February 2018