

Consultation on proposed change of age range at Caister Infant (Community) School & Nursery, Caister-on-sea

Introduction

The purpose of this document is to discuss the proposed changes to the provision at Caister Infant (Community) School & Nursery, Caister-on-sea by changing the age range from 2 – 7 years to 4 – 7 years, from 1 September 2020.

The Federation's Governing Body would like to use Section 27 of the Community Powers Regulations to run the Nursery.

The consultation will run for 5 weeks from Monday 20th April – Friday 22nd May 2020. Norfolk County Council will consider all comments received during the consultation period. We are consulting with all relevant stakeholders as required by law, when making changes to school age range arrangements.

Why are we proposing this change

This proposal relates to a change in how the early years provision is managed. Currently the school offers maintained nursery, as part of Caister Infant (Community) School & Nursery.

Caister Infant (Community) School & Nursery still want to provide nursery provision, but would like to manage it via Section 27 of the Community Powers Regulations, not as part of the main school. To do this Caister Infant (Community) School & Nursery must legally change the school age range.

The Nursery is popular and provides 26 sessional places. It was rated Good by Ofsted in June 2016.

Parents should not see any difference. They can still claim their funded entitlement per week for early years education. The early years education and preparation for starting school will continue as it does now.

The governors and headteacher at Caister Infant (Community) School & Nursery will continue to manage the nursery, as they do now. However, it will be through their Community Powers Regulations. This means governors can provide more flexible nursery provision to meet the needs of parents.

What are the benefits of this proposal

Norfolk County Council and the governors at Caister Infant (Community) School & Nursery believe this proposal will have the following benefits;

- Offer more flexibility to parents for nursery provision
- Strengthens the sustainability of the early years education offer by Caister Infant (Community) School & Nursery, by transferring the nursery to be managed via the Community Facility Powers
- There will be no change to the early years education offered to 2 – 4 year olds, which will be provided in the same accommodation.

The earliest this change could happen is 1st September 2020.

How can you have your say

We would like to hear your views on our proposal and you can do this by;

- accessing our online survey: <https://norfolk.citizenspace.com/childrens-services/caister-infant>
- or emailing schoolreview@norfolk.gov.uk
- or writing to School Organisation Team, FREEPOST IH 2076, Floor 8 (Bay 34), County Hall, Martineau Lane, Norwich, NR1 2BR,

We need all responses by 22 May 2020.



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Let us know what you think of our proposal.

How far do you agree or disagree with our proposal to change the age range of Caister Infant (Community) School & Nursery School from 2-7 to 4-7 years? Please tick a box.

Strongly Agree Agree Neither agree or disagree

Disagree Strongly Disagree Don't know

Why do you say this? Please write in the box below.

Are there any other comments or suggestions you would like to make to help us with this decision and in planning for the future provision of the children? Please write in the box below.

We would like to hear from many different people as your views help us to decide whether or not we make these changes. We will also use any personal information to understand how different groups of people feel about our proposal to change the age range at Caister Infant (Community) School & Nursery.

We will process any personal information we receive from you in line with the General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) (Regulation (EU) 2016/679), the Data Protection Act 2018 and Norfolk County Council's data protection policy and guidelines. This means that Norfolk County Council will hold your personal data and only use it for the purpose for which it was collected, being this consultation.

We won't identify individuals when reporting back our findings and under our record management policy we will keep this information for five years. We will also, under normal circumstances, not pass your personal data on to anyone else. However, we may be asked under access to information laws to publish or disclose some, or all, of the information you provide in response to this consultation, including any personal information. We will only do this where such disclosure will comply with such relevant information laws which include the Freedom of Information Act 2000, the Data Protection Act 2018 and the Environmental Information Regulations 2004.

Please tell us who you are, (tick all that apply):

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Pupil | <input type="checkbox"/> School governor |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Parent / Guardian | <input type="checkbox"/> Local resident |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Member of the Parent Teacher Association | <input type="checkbox"/> Local business |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Member of staff | <input type="checkbox"/> Local sports group |
| | <input type="checkbox"/> Local community group |

Other (please specify): _____

At which school? _____

What is your postcode? _____

Your views will help us decide if this proposal goes ahead. You can tell us your views by:

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This consultation ends on 22 May 2020