



Consultation on change of age range at Dersingham VA Primary and Nursery School from 1st April 2023



Introduction

This consultation is being undertaken to advise you of our proposal concerning Dersingham VA Primary and Nursery School and to invite you to tell us what you think of the proposals.

The consultation period will run for 6 weeks from **Monday 9th January 2023 to Friday 24th February 2023** (excluding half term). The Governing Body of the school is leading this process and will consider all comments received during the consultation period. We are consulting with all relevant stakeholders including parents, staff, the County, District and Parish Councils, local schools.

What change is being proposed?

The proposal is:

- 1) To continue to run all nursery provision for 2-3 year olds at Dersingham VA Primary and Nursery School, but from 1 April 2023, this will be done through the Community Facility Powers under the direction of the School Governors.
- 2) To change the age range at Dersingham VA Primary and Nursery School from 2 - 11 to 4 - 11 from 1st April 2023. The published admission number (PAN) for the main school will not be affected by these proposals. The PAN for the maintained nursery class will cease to exist, as nursery provision will be offered in a more flexible way, according to parental demand.

Nursery provision will continue to be provided on the site of Dersingham VA Primary and Nursery School. Both the school and nursery will continue to be governed by the same board and led by the same head teacher. The nursery provision will operate via Section 27 Community Facility Powers under the direction of the School Governors from Dersingham VA Primary and Nursery School.

Please note that there is no change proposed to our determined admissions arrangements. The school's determined admission arrangements for school entry in September 2023 remain unchanged and there is no change to the fact that a nursery place does not in any way guarantee a place at the school, as is documented on our admissions policy on our web site.

Why is the school making this change?

As parents you have told us that you would like more hours available to support you with work and other commitments.

The way we have set up the nursery at our school, as a 'maintained nursery model' makes it difficult to manage our nursery places to offer extra hours, plus the related costs are high.

This proposal provides an opportunity for our school to look at how early years provision is delivered to make sure it meets the needs of local parents and remain sustainable.



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There will be no material change to the school's operation – both school and nursery will continue to be governed by the same board and led by the same headteacher.

Will the proposed change result in any impact on current provision?

There will be no material change to the school's current operation, so the sessions that are made available to families will still be offered.

Will the proposed change result in additional traffic near the school at drop off and pick up times?

There will not be any impact on peak time traffic at the school, as the provision is already on the school site.

What will the impact be of providers of nursery provision locally?

We cannot foresee any impact on other providers locally as new places are not being created.

How can you ask questions, get more information & comment on the proposal?

- Please contact either Zoe Warren (Head of School): head@dersingham.norfolk.sch.uk (01485) 540308 or Mathew Tuckwood (Executive Head Teacher): head@whitefriars.norfolk.sch.uk (01553) 761001
- If you would like to attend the online consultation (Via Zoom) meeting, on Wednesday 22nd February at 3.30pm - please email admin@dersingham.norfolk.sch.uk at Dersingham Primary School for more details.
- Completing the online questionnaire via this link: <https://norfolk.citizenspace.com/childrens-services/dersingham-change-of-age>
- Or
- Completing the attached questionnaire and returning it to the school office.

We will be allowing 6 weeks for receiving responses, so all responses must be received by **3.00pm** on Friday 24th February to be considered by the governors when making its decision.

What happens next?

The Governors will consider all the responses to this consultation before deciding whether to change the nursery provision to operate via Section 27 Community Facility Powers.



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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 at Dersingham VA Primary and Nursery School, from 1 April 2023.

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? Please write in the box below



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We would like to hear from as many different people as possible as your views help us to consider any concerns you may have. We will also use any personal information to understand how different groups of people feel about our proposal to change the nursery provision to operate via Section 27 Community Facility Powers under the direction of the School Governors from Dersingham VA Primary and Nursery School.

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 our data protection policy and guidelines the United Kingdom General Data Protection Regulation (UK GDPR), the Privacy and Electronic Communications (EC Directive) Regulations 2003 and any legislation implemented in connection with the aforementioned legislation. Where data is processed by a controller or processor established in the European Union or comprises the data of people in the European Union, it also includes the EU General Data Protection Regulation (EU GDPR). This includes any replacement legislation coming into effect from time to time. **This means that we will hold your personal data and only use it for the purpose for which it was collected, being this consultation.**

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 returning this completed form to:

- The school office or via email: admin@dersingham.norfolk.sch.uk

- Or completing the online questionnaire via this link;
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