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Consultation on the extension of the age range of Nelson Infant School from 4-7 to 3-7 by adding a nursery provision

The Admissions Code of Practice 2012 requires an Admissions Authority to consult each time it proposes to make significant changes to its admissions arrangements.

Evolution Academy Trust is the Admissions Authority for the family of schools within the Trust and, as such, administers the admission arrangements on behalf of Nelson Infant School.

Currently the school takes children into Reception Classes at the start of the school year after their fourth birthday. The admission number of the school is, and will remain, at 60 pupils in this year.

We are proposing to seek approval from the Department for Education on a plan to change the lower age limit at Nelson Infant School from 4-7 to 3-7. The school is looking to run a nursery which accepts 3 and 4 year olds. The nursery will run am and pm sessions. In addition to this, we will make changes to our breakfast club provision, opening this up to nursery aged children as well. Finally, we will operate an after-school club for pupils of the school and the nursery. This provision will allow wrap around care for our families from 7.30am – 5.30pm for all pupils.

Why do we want to do this?

- We believe that having a nursery onsite will generate higher pupil numbers into the future.
- We believe that we can offer a higher quality education than other settings in the local area.
- We believe that having the children onsite for an additional year of Nelson Infant school EYFS experience, will lead to greater progress and better outcomes for our pupils.
- We want to offer families another alternative to the current preschool offers in the area and sufficiency figures suggest more places are required.

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

There will not be any negative impact on the current provision or running of Nelson Infant School.

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

There is not predicted to be any impact on peak time traffic at the school, as many preschool pupils will have siblings who attend the school. The drop off and pick up times proposed for the nursery are up to 15 minutes before/after current school drop off and pick up times to try and alleviate congestion. The drop off and pick up will utilise the existing carpark on Nelson street.

Where will the nursery be placed?

We will be utilising an existing unused building for the opening of the nursery, this will be a dedicated space. There will be no impact to the current provision for Reception pupils.



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NOTE: Children who attend the Nursery do not have priority for admission to the school's Reception year as decisions on primary school admissions are taken separately.

Subject to approval, we are proposing to change our admissions policy to adopt the above change from September 2025. Accordingly, we are undertaking a consultation process with the parents and other stakeholders for Nelson Infant School:

- parents of children between the ages of two and seven
- other persons in the relevant area who, in the opinion of the admission authority, have an interest in the proposed admissions
- all other admission authorities within the relevant area
- whichever of the governing body and the local authority who are not the admission authority and
- any adjoining neighbouring local authorities where the admission authority is the local authority.

We wish to invite interested parties to take part in this consultation on the amendment of the Admission Policy for Nelson Infant School. The consultation will take place for 4 weeks between 16th December '24 and 12th January '25.

Your views on any aspect of the proposed change to the admission arrangements will be sent to our Local Governing Body and the Board of Directors of Evolution Academy Trust for consideration.

All responses received by the end of the consultation period will be carefully considered and submitted to the Department for Education for their review and decision making.

We therefore invite you to take part in this consultation on the amendment to our admission policy. Comments may be submitted in the following ways:

- Online at: <https://norfolk.citizenspace.com/childrens-services/nelsoninfant>
- By email to: head@nelsoninfant.org.uk
- By phone on: 01603 620344
- By post to: A.Catlin, Headteacher, Nelson Infant School, Northumberland Street, Norwich, Norfolk, NR2 4EH.

Yours sincerely,

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