

**Statutory Proposal to change the Age Range
at St John's Community Primary School and Nursery, Hoveton from
3-11 years to 4-11 years, from 1 September 2024**

1. Local Authority details

Norfolk County Council
County Hall, Martineau Lane, Norwich, Norfolk NR1 2DL

2. School details

Name	St John's Community Primary School and Nursery	
Type	Community School	
Address	Horning Road, Hoveton, Norfolk, NR12 8NX	
Age Range	3 – 11 years	
Capacity	Building capacity is 232 places, with a nursery provision for 26 places; Numbers on roll January 2024 = 213 R-6 and Nursery 14 places	
Ofsted	Last Ofsted; 6 November 2019	Rating; Good

The school currently has an admission number of 30 places offered at Year Reception (YR). Pupils transfer to a Secondary School at the end of Year 6.

3. What changes are proposed?

- a. To change the age range at St John's Community Primary School and Nursery from 3 - 11 to 4 - 11 from 1 September 2024. The published admission number (PAN) for the main school will not be affected by these proposals., The nursery provision will be offered in a more flexible way, according to parental demand.
- b. To run all nursery provision for 3 year olds via Community Facility Powers under the direction of the School Governors from 1 September 2024.

Nursery provision will continue to be provided on the site of St John's Community Primary School and Nursery, 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 of the Green Shoots Federation.

Please note that there is no change proposed to the determined admissions arrangements. The school's determined admission arrangements for school entry in September 2024 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 in the school admissions policy.

4. Why do we want to do this?

Parents are increasingly seeking more flexibility from nursery places, to support them with work and other commitments. This can be difficult for some schools to manage when nursery places are offered via a maintained nursery model, which the school currently has, where there is less

scope for flexibility and the related costs are high.

This change provides an opportunity for the school to re-configure how early years provision is delivered to enable it to meet the needs of local parents and remain sustainable.

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.

5. When will the changes happen?

If the proposal is agreed by the local decision maker; the Executive Director of Children's Services, Norfolk County Council, it is intended that the change in age range will be implemented on 1 September 2024.

6. Will there be any effect on other schools, academies and educational institutions within the area

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

7. Will the proposed change result in additional traffic near the school

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

8. Will there be any changes to the school building?

No. The nursery places will be provided in the space that was previously.

9. Will this definitely happen?

No. There is a statutory process we must follow to make this type of change to schools.

10. Related proposals

The proposal is not related to any other.

11. How can I make my views known?

Any person may object to, express support for, or make comments on the proposals by:

- accessing our online survey: <https://norfolk.citizenspace.com/childrens-services/stjohnshoveton>
- 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

12. What happens next?

The following table sets out the key dates for the consultation and decision making. At any point the proposal may be withdrawn. The dates set out below meet the Department for Education requirements for consultation on school organisation proposals.

School organisation process	Date
Public Notice published	24 June 2024
Statutory consultation (representation stage)	24 June - 19 July 2024
Decision required, no later than	1 September 2024
If approved, change of age starts	1 September 2024