



Consultation on proposed change of age at Drake Primary School, Thetford

Introduction

The purpose of this document is to discuss the proposed changes to the provision at Drake Primary School, Thetford, by changing the age range from 3 – 11 years to 4 – 11 years, from 1 September 2019.

The published admission number (PAN) and admission arrangements for the main school will remain the same.

The consultation will run for 4 weeks from Monday 11th March – Friday 5th April 2019. 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

Drake Primary School currently provides early years provision in two ways;

- Nursery
- Drake Little Pirates Day Care.

The proposed change at Drake Primary School means that governors can still offer early years education, but through Little Pirates. The school are proposing this as a result of recent changes in early years education by the Department for Education. Many families are now entitled to 30 hours per week of funded early years education, instead of the previous entitlement of 15 hours.

This means parents are looking for more flexibility from nursery providers. Governors at Drake Primary School are keen to provide more flexibility for parents, but this is proving difficult via the current maintained nursery arrangement. The Governors are proposing to run all their provision for 2 – 4 year olds, via their Community Facility Powers from 1 September 2019, at Drake Little Pirates Day Care and close the Nursery.

There will be no major change to the school – both the school and Drake Little Pirates Day Care will continue to be governed by the same board and led by the same headteacher.

What are the benefits of this proposal

Norfolk County Council and the governors at Drake Primary School believe this proposal will have the following benefits;

- Offer more flexibility to parents for day care provision
- Strengthens the sustainability of the early years education offer by Drake Primary School, by only offering Drake Little Pirates Day Care, which is 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 2019.

How can you have your say

We will be holding drop-in events where you can come and find out more about this proposal:

- 8.45 – 9.45am, Friday 15th March, at Drake Primary School
- 5.30 – 6.30pm, Wednesday 20th March, at Drake Primary School

If you are unable to attend these events but would like to comment on our proposal, please use one of the following;

- Complete the attached form and hand it to the school office
- Write to School Organisation Team, FREEPOST IH 2076, Floor 8 (Bay 34), County Hall, Martineau Lane, Norwich NR1 2DH
- Email schoolreveiw@norfolk.gov.uk
- Access our online survey: <https://norfolk.citizenspace.com/childrens-services/thetford>

We need all responses by 5 April 2019.



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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 Drake Primary School from 3-11 to 4-11 years? Please tick a box.

<input type="checkbox"/> Strongly Agree	<input type="checkbox"/> Agree	<input type="checkbox"/> Neither agree or disagree
<input type="checkbox"/> Disagree	<input type="checkbox"/> Strongly Disagree	<input type="checkbox"/> 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 Drake Primary 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 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 returning this completed form to:

- Your school
- Posting it to Drake Primary School Organisation Consultation, FREEPOST IH2076, County Hall (Floor 8 / Bay 34), Martineau Lane, Norwich, NR1 2BR. **You don't need a stamp.**
- emailing schoolreview@norfolk.gov.uk
- accessing our online survey: <https://norfolk.citizenspace.com/childrens-services/thetford>

This consultation ends on 5 April 2019