

**Consultation on proposed changes to
Holy Family Catholic Primary School
with effect from 1 January 2020**

Background

The Governing Body of Holy Family Catholic Primary School wishes to advise you of their intention to alter the lower age limit of the school to create a Foundation 1 class from 1 January 2020. This action will be taken under the guidance from the Department for Education to accompany the School Organisation (Prescribed Alterations to Maintained Schools) (England) Regulations 2013 and (Establishment and Discontinuance of Schools) Regulations 2013 which came into force on 28 January 2014 and permit Governing Bodies of all categories of mainstream school to make certain changes to their schools without following a formal statutory process.

All 3 and 4 year olds are entitled to 15 hours per week of free Early Years Foundation Stage education from the beginning of the school term following their third birthday until compulsory school age. This free entitlement can be taken in a maintained school nursery, a 'foundation stage' class and/or in an Ofsted registered private and voluntary sector setting. It is parental choice as to which type of provision is most appropriate for their child.

Specific Proposals

The proposed Foundation 1 (nursery) provision is for 26 places (full time equivalent) with children admitted the term after their third birthday. The age range of the school will therefore become 3 – 11 from 1 January 2020.

The Governing Body has identified suitable accommodation through the remodelling and reorganisation of the school's building to create a space that meets the government's school accommodation guidance regarding the size and physical provision for a 26 place nursery/Foundation 1 class.

The school's reception class admission number of 30 will not be changed as a result of this proposal.

How to Respond

The Governing Body of Holy Family Catholic Primary School want to ensure that parents and any other interested parties have sufficient opportunity to give their views. You are invited to submit comments in writing about the proposal above to: The Chair of Governors, Holy Family Catholic Primary School, Hall Lane, Cronton, Widnes, WA8 5DW.

Alternatively you may wish to e-mail: holyfamilycronton@knowsley.gov.uk

Please submit any comments by 25th October 2019. The Governing Body will meet following the conclusion of this process to consider the formal ratification of the change.