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Consultation on extending the school age range at Great Orton Primary School to include provision for three-year- old children

The current position

We currently provide education from 4-11 years. We are a fully inclusive school that knows children as individuals and has close links with families.

Our school has grown successfully over the past few years and parents have enquired about the possibility of extending this provision and this has highlighted there is a demand for nursery provision.

The proposal

It is proposed to extend the age range of children admitted to Great Orton Primary school from 4-11 years to 3-11 years under governor led provision.

Parents would be able to access free entitlement for their children aged three and we intend, initially, to offer 15 hrs funded by the government.

The children would be taught alongside the current Reception and Key Stage One (Years One and Two) children in the large classroom (currently used by Class Two). There would be high quality play-based provision including role-play, sand, water, construction, reading, mark making and outside play. Building plans are currently ongoing to ensure this. Both year groups follow the statutory EYFS curriculum making the transition to Reception fluid.

Miss Shannon would lead the unit supported by Mrs Glencross.

The benefits

Children can move through the Foundation Stage curriculum at their own pace with Reception children getting support, if needed, at an earlier level and Pre-School age



children progressing through to later stages, if they are ready.

The children will benefit from experiencing educational, play centred activities to support their learning and development, as part of a wider school curriculum and led by qualified staff.

Our small size allows us to provide individualised support for all children's social, emotional, spiritual and academic development within a caring, nurturing setting led by experienced staff.

The nursery provision further benefits children as they are in the same designated area of the school for a sustained period of time. This makes the first few years of education a time of emotional security, which builds confidence and reduces the disruption, which may be caused by transition from other settings.

Children have familiar routines and work with the same team of familiar adults. Staff will know children and families very well, making it easier to cater for their needs. The transition would be a smooth and effective process allowing children to settle more quickly, if they go on to attend our school. It would provide continuity of education and provision through a single leadership team and governing body. It would support parents or carers in finding high-quality childcare in the local area and offer a wider parental choice.

It is hoped that these arrangements will be in place ready for September 2019 depending on the outcomes of the formal process.

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

If you have any questions, please contact the school on 01228 711602 or email head@greatorton.cumbria.sch.uk

To make a response to this consultation, please email the school on the same email address or alternatively write to the school – for the attention of Chair of Governors, Great Orton Primary School.

The consultation period will run until **Tuesday 30th April 2019.**

The School will consider all comments received during the consultation period.

I strongly hope you support this proposal and respond in favour of this plan to help move the school forward.

Yours sincerely

Miss Lucy Shannon
Acting Teacher in Charge

