



Holbeton Primary School
Part of
Westcountry Schools Trust

Consultation on Change of Age Range of Holbeton Primary School.

1st May to 1st June 2019

Proposal:

Consultation on the change of age range from 4-11 years to 2-11 years from September 2019

Background:

Currently in Holbeton, there is a charity run Pre School which has been run by a committee of parents and volunteers. This is the main 'feeder' for Holbeton Primary School. However, the Pre School have always struggled with filling committee places so therefore its future is always precarious.

Holbeton Primary School entered into a management partnership with the Westcountry Schools Trust in June 2016. It has been a member school of the Trust since September 2018. Throughout this time, Holbeton Primary School has worked closely with the Pre School Committee in considering ways of supporting its running going into the future. The most viable way, which we are now proposing is for the Pre School Committee to support Holbeton Primary School changing its age range to include 2 year olds. Transition for staff, children and resources to the primary school will be smooth and would ensure that the provision for the younger children is not disrupted in any way.

Proposal:

- Holbeton Primary School would run a Foundation unit. There would be 13 places secured for school age children and 13 for pre-school. This unit would run on all school days with 2 sessions; a morning session from 9am to 12.30pm and an afternoon session from 12.30pm to 3.30 pm to include lunch. Children may bring in a packed lunch or pre order a hot lunch. Those children that attend all day and are eligible for free school meal will be able to claim them. The unit will continue to run Beach School and Forest School sessions.

- The proposal is to be open from September 2019.
- The Foundation Unit will be housed in the main school building in the room which is currently being used by the Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 children. The Year 1 and 2 children will be moved to a separate, currently unused existing classroom. The current Reception room will only need cosmetic funding spent on it (eg some newer toys and equipment, lowering coat rails, adding a nappy changing area) which will not require the use of capital funding. There will be little impact on older children's access to space and/or equipment as the PAN (published admission number) of the school is currently 105, and we currently have 38 children on roll.
- Parents will be able to claim their 15 hours of free universal entitlement and 30 hours extended entitlement. Parents who are eligible can also access two year old funding. As an Ofsted registered provision parents will continue to be able to access support with childcare cost through childcare vouchers, tax free childcare and universal credit.
- For children, transition to main school will be seamless. They will also be able to be educated in the same site as their older siblings making 'drop off' and 'pick up' easier for parents.
- Staff will benefit from the expertise and support from the wider Trust which again will enhance the experience for the children.

What happens next:

The purpose of this consultation is to gather your views and inform the decision making process. It will run from the 1st of May 2019 to the 1st June 2019. After that date, all responses received will be collated and shared with Governors who will decide whether to proceed with the proposal or not. Responses need to be made in **writing to:**

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or via email:

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The closing date for responses is 12 noon on the 1st June.

Your views are important and we would value your opinion.

Yours sincerely,



Jacqueline Rundle

Head Teacher.