

Public Notice and Proposal for Churchtown Primary School

Notice is given in that Endeavour Learning Trust, in conjunction with the Local Academy Council (the local governing body for the school), Sefton Council and the School's Senior Leadership Team intends to make an alteration to Churchtown Primary School from September 2024.

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This Notice is an extract from the complete proposal.

Copies of the complete proposal can be found on the school's website <https://www.churchtown.org.uk/about-us/admissions-arrangements>

Within four weeks from the date of publication of these proposals, any person may object to or make comments on the proposal by sending them to the Headteacher, Churchtown Primary School, St Cuthberts Road, Southport PR9 7NN or by email to: enquiries@endeavourlearning.org

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Introduction

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Why Change?

Parents are increasingly seeking more flexibility from nursery places, to support them with work commitments. The existing provision operates for 3- 4 year olds only 7.30am - 6 p.m for 5 days a week for 38 weeks a year – with a maximum of 44 children attending each session. By extending the age range and number of weeks each year the provision would be available, there would be a consistency of location, provision, quality and care. In June 2023 the school Ofsted inspection confirmed the evaluation of the school that Early Years was good. This practice would be extended into the school Nursery. The Nursery at Churchtown Primary is teacher led with leadership responsibility and oversight from the Assistant Headteacher who is an early year's practitioner thus increasing educational standards. This practice would continue into the extended provision.

By ultimately increasing the wrap around offer this would almost certainly increase the number of pupils accessing the provision, as working parents who need more hours than are currently offered would have the school setting as an option rather than having to travel further afield. This would also be the same situation for working parents of existing pupils who may not previously have been able to use the provision for younger siblings due to the restricted hours on offer.

School leaders are aware of the need for additional places for 2 year olds in the local area. This is evidenced in the LA Childcare Sufficiency Assessment. School Leaders anticipate that there will be increased demand for these places as a result of the Government expansion of the offer of the Free Entitlement to Early Years Education for 2, 3 and 4 year olds. The anticipated impact on the school is positive in that the expansion of the age range will support the maintenance of the PAN, parental demand for early years provision at a school of their choice and support an increased number of children to achieve school readiness by the end of the EYFS. School data evidences the positive impact of the current nursery provision for 3 year olds on reception baseline data when compared to the cohort of pupils joining the school in reception who have not attended nursery provision at Churchtown. Both DfE and LA level Childcare Sufficiency intelligence evidence the demand for provision in this area, it is also proposed that direct consultation with parents at the school will provide an accurate picture of immediate local demand.

Building consequences

There will be no changes to the accommodation, and early years children will continue to attend their sessions.

What is the proposed timetable?

8th March 2024 –: Consultation with parents and the local community to take into account the views expressed regarding the proposals to change the age range.

5th April 2024 – Consultation period closes

April 2024 – Consideration of consultation responses by School Leaders and Endeavour Learning Trust. If the change is approved, a process of implementation will begin with new arrangements being in place from September 2024.