

MATTERS TO BE SPECIFIED IN SECTION 18 PROPOSALS FOR ALTERATIONS TO SCHOOLS

Extract of Schedule 2 to The School Organisation (Prescribed Alterations to Maintained Schools)(England) Regulations 2013 (as amended)

1. Contact details

The proposal to discontinue the nursery provision delivered by Barnoldswick **Gisburn Road Community Primary School, Gisburn Road, Barnoldswick, Lancashire, BB18 5LS** by permanently raising its age range from 3-11 years to 4-11 years with effect from 31 December 2023, is published by Lancashire County Council, the relevant local authority. Barnoldswick Gisburn Road Community Primary School is a community school. The local authority can be contacted at the following address: County Pupil Access Team, Education Improvement Service, PO Box 100, County Hall, Preston, Lancashire, PR1 0LD.

2. Description of alteration and evidence

This proposal is for the closure of **Barnoldswick Gisburn Road Community Primary School** (the school) nursery by permanently raising its age range from 3 to 11 years to 4-11 years. The school will remain open and unchanged for primary school provision.

Participation in Education or Training

When the school approached the local authority to discuss the future of its nursery provision, it was proposed that overall financial position of the school would be improved by permanently raising the age range from 3 - 11 years old to 4 - 11 years old

Should the outcome of the consultation be to remove the nursery at the school, there would not be an adverse financial impact on the local authority. The overall financial position of the school would be improved by permanently raising the age range from 3 - 11 years old to 4 - 11 years old.

As evidenced in the annual LCC Childcare Sufficiency Assessment report there is more than sufficient good quality providers in the Pendle area.

Conclusion

As the number of pupils accessing the nursery will be accommodated by the new on site Governor-led provision, the closure of the nursery will not have an adverse impact on the community.

3. Objectives

The objective of this proposal is to permanently raise the age range of the school from 3 to 11 years to 4-11 years with effect from 31 December 2023, through the closure of the nursery.

The proposal is to set up Governor Led provision on the existing school site.

The primary element of the school is unaffected by this proposal.

As the number of pupils accessing the nursery will be accommodated by the new on site provision, the closure of the nursery will not have an adverse impact on the community.

4. Effect on other local education institutions

As the proposal is to close the nursery provision at the school, there is not expected to be any adverse impact on other local providers.

5. Project Costs and Value for Money

The overall financial position of the school would be improved by permanently raising the age range from 3 - 11 years old to 4 - 11 years old.

6. Implementation

It is proposed to close the school's nursery on 31 December 2023.

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7. Procedure for responding to the consultation

Following publication of this proposal on 14 September 2023, any person may respond, support, object to or make comments on the proposal by posting them to County Pupil Access Team, Education Improvement Service, PO Box 100, County Hall, Preston, Lancashire, PR1 0LD.

Responses can also be emailed to consultation@lancashire.gov.uk or

Have your say! Consultation page - www.lancashire.gov.uk

To be considered as part of the decision-making process to determine the proposal, responses must be received no later than 2 November 2023.