

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 Burnley Brunshaw Primary School, Morse Street, Burnley, Lancashire, BB10 4PB, by permanently raising its age range from 3-11 years to 4-11 years with effect from 31 August 2022, is published by Lancashire County Council, the relevant local authority. Burnley Brunshaw 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 Burnley Brunshaw 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. At present, the 4 -11 part of the school is providing financial subsidy to the maintained nursery class as the retention of the nursery class is having a significant impact on the school budget.

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As evidenced in the annual LCC Childcare Sufficiency Assessment report there is more than sufficient good quality providers in the Burnley area. There has been a drop in the live birth rate and there are a significant number of surplus places in this administrative area.

Prior to seeking a decision to close the nursery, the governors verbally consulted with parents on how the school could increase the uptake in places. There is a lot of competition between early years providers in the area and parents are seeking provision that is available before and after school and during the school holidays.

The nursery at Brunshaw Primary is offering morning only sessions and there are 26 places available. There are currently only 10 pupils attending and these children will start

the reception year in the Autumn Term. There are only 4 applications for September 2022. The closing date for nursery applications was 21 January 2022

The number of 3-year-olds attending the school is low and reducing and there are many other early years providers in the local area. As such, the local authority does not believe that there will be an adverse impact on participation should the school permanently reduce its age range from 3-11 years old to 4-11 years old.

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 August 2022, through the closure of the nursery.

There is limited interest from families in attending the nursery, which has 9am to 3pm provision, term time only.

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

As the number of pupils accessing the nursery is reducing and there is a wide range of alternative providers in the district, the closure of the nursery is not expected to 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. At present, the 4 -11 part of the school is providing financial subsidy to the maintained nursery class, which is having a significant impact on the school budget.

6. Implementation

It is proposed to close the school's nursery on 31 August 2022.

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age range from 3 - 11 years old to 4 - 11 years old.

7. Procedure for responding to the consultation

Following publication of this proposal on 10 March 2022, 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 brunshaw@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 23 May 2022.