

Early Years Change of Nursery hours Consultation

Forty Hill Church of England Primary School



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Summary of proposals

Proposed change of nursery hours at Forty Hill Church of England Primary School.

(Prescribed alteration to the nursery hours to Forty Hill Church of England Primary School, thereby, regularising the number of nursery places, and in the case of Forty Hill Church of England Primary School.)

Introduction

The Governors of Forty Hill Church of England Primary School wish to consult on a change of nursery hours from 15 hours to 30 hours per week. The consultation runs from the 17th January 2025 to the 14th February 2025.

Need for change

Our Nursery admissions have fallen recently with only 11 pupils (out of 24 places) starting in September 2024. After discussions with our community, it became apparent that many parents would have applied to Forty Hill Nursery if we offered 30 hours and numbers would have been higher. A survey was sent out to the school and wider church community to register their interest in the option of 30 hours provision at Forty Hill Nursery. 15 parents (of which 14 already attend our morning Nursery currently) expressed interest in 30 hour provision from the summer term and a further 11 parents would be interested in 30 hours when they are entitled to attend.

The proposals

The Governors of Forty Hill Church of England Primary School propose to increase the hours of Forty Hill Church of England Primary School for Nursery age children. This is with effect from the 1st April 2025. There is no planned change to the operation of the early years provision. The consultation is a requirement of the School Organisation (Prescribed Alterations to Maintained Schools) (England) Regulations 2013.

It is proposed to extend the hours to the maximum allowed, the school wish to extend their Early Years provision to offer the extended 30 hours. The Nursery day will start at 8.45am and end at 3:15pm. Due to extra staffing requirements, Breakfast Club and After School Clubs will not be on offer to the Nursery pupils.

Please note, there is no intention for the services currently provided by the schools to change because of this proposal. From April 2025, the school will offer 24 places for 30 hours providing that we have applications from a minimum of 10 pupils for 30 hours. Otherwise, the school will continue to offer 24 places for fifteen hours in the morning.

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Application for the Nursery places will continue to follow our Admissions Policy and we would like to make clear that applications for 15 hours or 30 hours will be treated equally- the admissions criteria will dictate decisions over allocation of places, not the number of hours requested.

Staffing

Staffing is dependent on the number of applicants for the full 30 hours.

There will always be a qualified teacher and a teaching assistant present for the morning session. Depending on numbers for the afternoon session, there will either be a) a qualified teacher and teaching assistant or b) a EYFS HLTA/ Level 3 TA and a teaching assistant. This will be based upon the ratios set by the Department of Education in [Early years qualification requirements and standards - Jan 24.pdf](#)

Statutory Notices

Consultation is with schools, parents and other key local and education stakeholders. The consultation is for a four-week period from the 17th January 2025 to the 14th February 2025. This consultation is supported by the Governors. This document is part of the consultation and invites parents and stakeholders to make representations via our email. We anticipate the final decision to change the hours that the Nursery pupils are being offered at Forty Hill Church of England Primary School to take place when the consultation period is completed.

Representations

If you would like to make a representation in response to the notice, then please email: office@fortyhill.enfield.sch.uk