Early Years Change of nursery hours Consultation for St. John’s Church of England primary School

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**Summary of proposals**

Proposed change of nursery hours at St. John’s Church of England Primary School

(Prescribed alteration to the nursery hours to St. John’s Church of England Primary School, thereby, regularising the number of nursery places, and in the case of St. John’s Church of England Primary School.)

 **Introduction**

The Governors of St. John’s Church of England Primary School wish to consult on a change of nursery hours and number of spaces. The consultation runs from the 7th November to the 5th December 2024 (total 4 weeks).

 **Need for change**

The Nursery day will start at 8.45am and end at 2.45pm. Due to extra staffing requirements, Breakfast Club and After School Clubs will not be on offer to the Nursery pupils.

**The proposals**

The Governors of St. John’s Church of England Primary School propose to increase the hours of St. John’s Church of England Primary School for Nursery age children. This is with effect from the 1st January 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. Please note, there is no intention for the services currently provided by the schools to change because of this proposal. From January 2025, the school will offer 8 places for 30 hours providing that we have applications from 8 pupils for 30 hours and 8 places for fifteen hours (afternoon sessions). Otherwise, the school will continue to offer 16 places for fifteen hours.

In September 2025, the school will offer 8 places for 30 hours and 8 places for fifteen hours (afternoon sessions) in the Autumn Term. In the Spring Term, the school will increase the 8 fifteen-hour places to 30 hours providing we have applications from 8 pupils for 30 hours. Otherwise, these 8 places will remain at fifteen hours.

**Staffing**

In the Autumn Term, there will be one EYFS teacher, one teaching assistant who holds a Level 3 qualification and another teaching assistant joining for the afternoon session if there are more than 8 Nursery pupils in the afternoon.

In the Spring Term, there will be one EYFS teacher, one teaching assistant who holds a Level 3 qualification and another teaching assistant if we have more than 8 Nursery pupils in the morning. Otherwise, another teaching assistant in the afternoon, if we have more than 8 Nursery pupils.

**Statutory Notices**

Consultation is with schools, parents and other key local and education stakeholders. The consultation is for a four-week period after initial informal consultation from the 24th October 2024 to the 6th November 2024. 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 St. John’s 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@stjohnsprimarysch.org.uk