



4<sup>th</sup> March 2019

Dear Parent, carer, local resident, Local Education Provider

## **Preschool Consultation**

### **Consultation Period: 4<sup>th</sup> March 2019 to 5<sup>th</sup> April 2019**

The purpose of this consultation document is to provide information relating to the proposal by the Governors of St. George's Catholic Primary School to lower the admission age of the school from 4 years to 3 years to incorporate a new FS1 class for 3 to 4 year olds in order to provide the local community with a comprehensive child care and education setting. The Governors of the school wish to seek the views of parents, carers, local residents and Local Education Providers and would appreciate any comments or feedback you may have.

The school already provide extended child care through a Breakfast Club and After School Club; the addition of a pre-school class for 3 -4 year olds would offer more comprehensive wrap around child care to the local community and to the wider Catholic community.

In the short term the proposal is for a setting for up to 21 three to four year olds in the year before they are due to start in mainstream education. The longer term vision is to offer extended hours for the pre-school age children in line with the extended provision already available to children in Reception to Year 6.

#### **The benefits of a provision of a Preschool at St. George's will be:**

- A welcoming start to school
- The opportunity to deliver a full Early Years Foundation Stage curriculum
- Provision of a preschool facility to meet local demand
- Provision of a preschool facility for parents of existing pupils enabling parents to keep siblings together
- Settling children into a routine in a familiar environment from the age of 3
- Improved accommodation and resources for EYFS children

#### **Impact on Local Community**

It is not expected that the additional class will significantly increase traffic around the school as many of the children will have siblings already attending the school and it is anticipated that children will be mainly from the local community. St. George's School actively promotes Walk to School initiatives and encourages Parents and children to avoid using their cars where possible. The expectation is that the benefits of the preschool provision to the local community will outweigh any environmental factors.

The school would welcome expressions of interest in places for 3-4 year olds from September 2019. Please contact the school on 01985 218284.

Please return the attached consultation response by 12 noon on 5<sup>th</sup> April 2019

Yours sincerely

Mrs Sarah Shanks  
Chair of Governors



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**Consultation response to proposed lowering of the admission age from 4 to 3 years at St. George's Catholic Primary School**

<input type="checkbox"/>	I support the proposed lowering of the admission age to 3
<input type="checkbox"/>	I do not support the proposed lowering of the admission age to 3

**Please tick the box that most applies to you:**

I am a parent/carer	<input type="checkbox"/>
I am a member of school staff	<input type="checkbox"/>
I am a governor	<input type="checkbox"/>
I am a local early years provider	<input type="checkbox"/>
I represent a local school	<input type="checkbox"/>
I am a member of the local community	<input type="checkbox"/>
Other (please specify)	<input type="checkbox"/>

**If you wish to make further comment please use the box below:**

**Name:** ..... (optional)

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