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Dear Stakeholder

Change of age range consultation at The Huntspill Primary Academies

As a member of the school and local community, you have a stake in the future of The Huntspill Primary Academies comprising East Huntspill Primary Academy and West Huntspill Primary Academy. Therefore, we are writing to consult you about a potential change to the school's age range. The current age range of the schools is 4-11 years and we are proposing to change the age range to 2-11 years from 1st January 2022.

The Academy Council of the school needs to consult on the proposed changes in line with the 2019 Department for Education 'Making significant changes to an open academy and closure by mutual agreement' guidance.

https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/847451/Significant_change_and_academy_closure_151119.pdf.

We wish to receive the views and comments of all stakeholders involved with the schools. The consultation period runs for a four week period from Friday 2nd July 2021 to Friday 30th July 2021 and all comments received during this time will be considered.

The proposal

We are proposing to extend the age range of children admitted to The Huntspill Primary Academies from 4-11 years to 2-11 years.

Why is the school proposing this change?

As many of you in the local community are aware, The Huntspill Primary Academies joined The Priory Learning Trust on 1st April 2021. The current pre-school provisions on the sites are operated by East Huntspill Pre-School Learning Alliance Committee and West Huntspill Under Fives Group Committee respectively. We are currently working with the pre-schools and are hopeful they will join the Trust in the near future.

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The benefits

- The local community would continue to be able to access excellent nursery education
- Nursery children would become an integral part of the school
- Transition from Nursery to Reception, (there is no automatic right of entry into the schools) where children gain a place in Reception at the school there would be smooth and effective transition, allowing children to settle quickly
- Children's progress would be enhanced as staff would share their knowledge of individuals throughout the Early Years and into Key Stage 1
- All staff will benefit and subsequently children through enhanced CPD opportunities
- Continuity of education and provision would be provided by a single leadership team and governing body

What happens next?

The consultation will be for a period of four weeks, commencing on Friday 2nd July 2021 and closing on Friday 30th July 2021. At the end of the consultation period, all comments will be considered by the schools and Trust and a decision will be made as whether to proceed with the next stage of the process as outlined in the Department for Education's guidance.

How can I make my views known?

Your views are important to us and we value your opinions. You can send your comments to the following:

Email: amy.boyle@theplt.org.uk

Letter: Miss A Boyle, The Priory Learning Trust, Queensway, Weston-super-Mare, BS22 6BP

If you require clarification on any of the points raised, please contact us on 01934 511411 or by email to the address above.

Thank you for your interest; we look forward to hearing from you.

Yours faithfully



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