



Overstone Combined School, Church Street, Wing, Leighton Buzzard, Beds, LU7 0NY

Buckinghamshire Council, County Hall, Aylesbury, Bucks, HP20 1UZ

Background information on the proposal to change the age range of Overstone Combined School from 1st April 2021, by in future running the school's Early Years provision via section 27 arrangements.

1. Description of alteration and evidence of demand

- Overstone Combined School has a popular nursery within school premises. We are able to provide an exciting, varied and nurturing provision for the children and would like to further extend these possibilities and opportunities.

2. Objectives (how the proposal would increase educational standards and parental choice)

- To extend the high-quality education and opportunities to all children attending the Nursery by allowing more flexibility with staffing
- To prepare the children for main school education and ensure a smooth transition into Reception classes
- Children are able to join the Nursery at the age of 3 and continue their education until the school academic year that they turn 5 when they will be able to smoothly transit into the Reception classes. The only change if the proposal is implemented would be that the provision would be run by a committee of school staff and governors, rather than the school direct.
- Children will be familiar with the school setting and staff so will therefore find it easier to start full time school when they join the Reception classes.

3. The effect on other schools, academies and educational institutions within the area.

- There will be no effect on the other schools and Nurseries in the area. There are other Nurseries in the area that provide a different provision for young children, therefore parents will continue to have a choice of where they would like to send their child.

4. Project Costs

- There will not be any additional costs to the school or community for this proposal.

5. Implementation

- Our proposal is to start this in April 2021. We have already conducted an initial consultation which showed support for the proposal, and will be conducting a formal consultation this term.

The proposal has been agreed by the Governing Body and will be decided by the Local Authority with an outcome expected to allow the start to commence April 2021.

If anyone wishes to comment on, support or object to the proposal, please e mail overcons@buckinghamshire.gov.uk, alternatively you can email the school directly admin@overstone-wing.org