

PROPOSAL TO CHANGE THE AGE RANGE OF: Filleigh Primary School, Filleigh, Barnstaple, Devon

School and LA details:

Filleigh Primary School, Castle Hill, Filleigh, Barnstaple, Devon, EX32 0RS

LA: Devon County Council, County Hall, Topsham Road, Exeter, Devon, EX2 4QD

Change of Age Range

Devon County Council and the Governing Body of Filleigh Primary School, Devon, are proposing to change the school's age range from 4 to 11 to 3 to 11 with effect from September 2017. It is proposed to open a 10 place nursery within a Foundation Stage Unit (comprising the Reception class and the new nursery).

Evidence of demand

From September 2017 the entitlement to free childcare will be extended from 15 hours to 30 hours for three and four year old children of working parents, which will mean a greater demand for early years places.

Objectives

Extending the age range of the School will allow children to attend their local early years' provision and provide more availability and choice for parents to access their free Nursery entitlement during the sessions they would like. Children joining the nursery, who may then transfer to the Reception class, will be familiar with the school and members of staff thus resulting in greater continuity for these children. Staff working with the children who may then transfer to the Reception class will be able to share their knowledge of the children more easily. This will allow the school to meet the needs of the children more quickly at this crucial early stage of development. Early support and intervention for any child who may require additional support will also be much easier to implement.

Education standards

Filleigh Primary School 'Requires Improvement'. However, Ofsted identified that the early years provision within the school is Good and the leadership in the early years is effective and children get a good start to school. The proportion of children achieving a good level of development by the end of the Reception year has been above the national average for the past three years. Leadership of the early years is good and children quickly learn to develop their imagination, independence and curiosity. Further information is available in the Ofsted report via: www.ofsted.gov.uk

The effect on other Schools, Academies and educational institutions in the area:

With the increase in early years' entitlement from September 2017, there will be a greater demand for provision. This proposal will provide more availability and choice for parents and will complement the existing provision within the local area in order to fulfil demand.

Project Costs

The proposal will not require any capital funding from the Local Authority.

Implementation and any proposed stages for implementation:

The proposals, if approved, will be implemented with effect from September 2017.

Effect on existing pupils

The change will not affect the net capacity of the school nor the planned admission number and will not put pressure on existing classroom space.

Consultation

No responses were received to the informal consultation.

Response to Brief Notice

You can object to or comment on the proposals by:

Email: schoolconsultations@devon.gov.uk

Writing to: Strategic Planning Children's Services, Lucombe House, Room AB2, Devon County Council, County Hall, Topsham Road, Exeter, EX2 4QD.

by the **closing date of 5pm on Thursday 22 June 2017**