

## Appendix 2

### St Mary's Church of England Primary School

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#### **Consultation on the proposed alteration of the lower age limit at St. Mary's Church of England Primary School, Writhlington from age 4 to age 3 by the addition of Early Years Provision.**

Dear Consultee,

The Governing Body of St. Mary's Church of England Primary School is proposing to alter the lower age limit at the school from age 4 to age 3 by the addition of Early Years provision that would be run by the school. The school is required to carry out a statutory process of consultation with individuals and organisations that may have an interest in this proposal before any changes can be made.

Evidence shows that access to high quality Early Years provision helps children to achieve higher standards of attainment throughout their later education. The current Writhlington Pre-School committee has agreed to the dissolution of their group, from the end of term in July, and St. Mary's governors are proposing to incorporate the provision in the school, to meet the needs of all pre-school children in our community. Making this change requires a formal consultation process which takes some considerable time, so we need to start the process now, to be ready by September.

The provision will remain, to all intents and purposes, the same as now, with the current staff. The Early Years Entitlement has increased to 15 hours, and demand is high for quality local provision. The facility at St. Mary's Primary School will continue to ensure a broad, balanced curriculum within a learning environment in which children can be healthy and stay safe, led by a specialist Early Years qualified teacher in our Foundation Stage class (Reception).

The Governing Body at St. Mary's Primary School believes that this proposal offers a positive opportunity for the local community and for families with young children in the Writhlington area. The school already hosts "Stay and Play" for the Writhlington community and has established good links with representatives from other local agencies.



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## How you can comment on this proposal

We value your views on this proposal and welcome your feedback. If you would like to comment on this proposal, you can do so by sending an email or letter to governors, via the school, as detailed in our letterhead. If there are a lot of responses, governors may call a public meeting, which will be posted on our school noticeboard with at least a week's notice.

The final date for submission of comments to St. Mary's Primary School is **mid-day on Friday 13<sup>th</sup> May 2011**.

The school is committed to listening to the views of local families as we shape the exact nature of this new provision, putting the needs of young children at the centre of all we do.

## What happens next

At the end of the consultation period the governors will consider any feedback that has been received and will then decide whether to proceed to publish a statutory notice for the proposed change as above. If it does decide to go ahead, the proposal will be published in a local newspaper and posted at the main entrance to the school, in the week commencing 16<sup>th</sup> May 2011. There will then be a further six week 'representation period', during which interested stakeholders will have a final opportunity to comment on the proposal.

At the end of six weeks, BANES Council will consider any comments or objections received during the representation period and decide whether to go ahead with the proposed change. If the decision is made to go ahead with the proposal, the implementation date will be 1<sup>st</sup> September 2011.

In the mean time, both prospective and current pre-school parents are warmly invited to come and look round our friendly small school - we will be holding an "open morning" on Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> July 9.30 - 11.30. You would also be very welcome at our Summer Fayre on Friday 16<sup>th</sup> June 3.30 onwards.

Yours sincerely,

*Sue Jones*



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