



## Holy Trinity RC Primary School

Halifax Road Brierfield,  
Lancashire, BB9 5BL.

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Proposal to lower the age range of Holy Trinity RC Primary School, Halifax Road, Brierfield, Nelson, Lancashire, BB9 5BL from 4 to 11 years to 3 to 11 years from September 2021 to ensure the school meets the needs of local families.

The governing body of Holy Trinity RC Primary School is consulting you on a proposal to lower the admissions age of Holy Trinity RC Primary School to enable us to have a school nursery on our school site. This proposal will ensure a consistent approach to learning for our youngest children and enable us to meet the needs of our local community in relation to Early Years' education. From research carried out we believe that our nursery would help provide families with the hours needed in the area but we also understand the importance of consulting with the community to ensure we are providing what is needed and wanted. The proposed nursery and outside learning area would be situated in our Reception Unit at the rear of the school. It would be a small nursery unit holding approximately 13 children aged 3 years to 4 years per session.

We appreciate that many families with and without children, especially our neighbours and local residents may have questions. Mrs Lyle, Headteacher, together with the Senior Leadership Team and the Governors have put together an FAQ style information sheet attached to this letter. We hope that this may answer some of your initial queries.

Why are we proposing to lower the entry age of the children joining our school? Supporting the government's policy on providing 30 hours Funded Early Education for 3 and 4 year olds in schools we propose for our school to open a nursery and provide a secure, stimulating, quality nursery provision.

Why are we consulting now? Changes to the DFE/Ofsted regulations enabling schools to include provision for 3 and 4 year olds will ensure that the nursery provision is included on the schools inspection process.

Will the proposal have any impact on the school's admission arrangements? It is proposed that we would offer 13 places full-time (30 hours) for 3 and 4 year olds from September 2021. Please note there is no automatic right for nursery aged children to gain a reception place at the school. Parents of nursery aged children would need to apply in the normal way for admission to the school.

Do the governors and staff support the proposal? The governing body and staff support the proposal as they believe the school community would benefit from lowering the entry age of pupils to include a nursery.

What are the next stages in the process? Responses will be received throughout the consultation period which ends at 9am on Monday 5th October 2020. These will be analysed and the school will publish the outcome on its website.

How can I respond to this consultation? Please complete the consultation response form and return to the school. Alternatively please email the school at [bursar@holytrinityrc.lancs.sch.uk](mailto:bursar@holytrinityrc.lancs.sch.uk)

The consultation will run for 4 weeks from Monday 7th September 2020 ending on Monday 5th October 2020. We would welcome your feedback.

If you would like to speak to someone in person regarding this Mrs Lyle or Mrs Borman, Chair of Governors would be more than happy to chat to you.

If you have a child under 4 and would be interested in sending your child to our nursery register your interest by contacting school on 01282 613709 or via email at [bursar@holytrinityrc.lancs.sch.uk](mailto:bursar@holytrinityrc.lancs.sch.uk)

Regards

The Governing Body of Holy Trinity RC Primary School – September 2020

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### **Feedback on the proposed change to Holy Trinity RC Primary School:**

I am (please tick):

- A parent of a child at the school
- A parent of a pre-school aged child
- A close neighbour of the school
- A member of the local community
- A local faith group
- A local community group
- Other please specify

I am in favour of Holy Trinity RC Primary School lowering the age of admission to include 3 to 4 year olds (please delete as appropriate).

YES

NO

I HAVE NO OPINION

### **Comments**

Please hand this form in at the school office or post to: Mrs Lyle, Holy Trinity RC Primary School, Halifax Road, Brierfield, Nelson, Lancashire, BB9 5BL