



Holy Trinity RC Primary School

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Proposal to lower the age range of Holy Trinity RC Primary School from 4 to 11 years to 3 to 11 years from September 2021 to enable an on-site nursery provision to be provided from September 2021.

FAQ

We know that many people will have questions regarding the proposal to lower the age range to allow a school nursery on site. Therefore we have tried to answer the questions that we feel may arise. If you have anything else you would like to ask please contact Mrs Lyle the Headteacher or Mrs Borman, the Chair of Governors via the school. Alternatively you can email bursar@holytrinityrc.lancs.sch.uk

How many children will the nursery take? We would be able to take 13 children per session.

Where will the nursery be based? The nursery inside and outside areas will be based at the rear of the Reception Class Unit.

Will the nursery have its own secure access? At the beginning and end of the day the entrance to the nursery would be through the normal pupil entrances in Halifax Road. The parents will drop off and collect their children by the same methods that are used with the Reception children. Drop off and pick up will be via the class teacher on the school yard.

What do you plan to do about the extra traffic the nursery will cause? We anticipate that the majority of children in the nursery would be siblings or very local. This combined with only 13 children in a session would mean there would not be a large increase in additional vehicles. The school already implement a park and walk scheme and any nursery children who did arrive by car would be encouraged to do the same.

I have a child in Holy Trinity RC Primary School will this affect their education? The proposed nursery would not affect the quality of the education offered to Holy Trinity RC Primary School children. The funding for the nursery and funding for the school come from two different funding streams. The nursery would never run at a financial loss to the school. School facilities may be used by the nursery but never to the detriment to the main school pupils.

Will a place at the nursery mean that my child has automatic entry to Holy Trinity RC Primary School? No. The nursery will have a separate Admissions Policy to the school and once your child reaches school age you would need to apply for a Reception place online in the usual way. Being in the nursery does not give any priority over Reception admission.

But surrounding areas already have pre-schools why do we need another nursery? Salford Diocese have identified that in our locality there is not a RC nursery provision to serve all of

the 3 and 4 year olds who require 30 hours funded childcare of which many parents are now entitled.

As a school we have worked very closely with all of our feeder Pre-School and continue to do so. Majority of our feeder Pre-Schools are practitioner led and offer parents flexible sessions. In contrast our nursery would be teacher led and offering only 30 hour places.

It means that parents who receive 30 hours funded childcare can use all 30 hours at our proposed nursery (9am – 3:30pm 5 days a week) excluding lunch which will be chargeable.

Have you considered the additional noise that a nursery would cause? Yes we have and again with only 13 additional children and free flow from outside to inside there will not be many children in the outside area at any one time. The nursery and the outside learning space are at the rear of the school. The nursery would have use of the school facilities including the school hall and field if appropriate.

Would the nursery be offering wrap around care? The school already operates a Breakfast Club from 8.00am and After School Club until 5.00pm. The present clubs could accommodate the nursery children. These sessions would be run at an additional cost and parents would not be able to use funded hours for these sessions.

How do I register my interest? If you will have a child of 3 years of age on 1st September 2021 you can register your interest by contacting school on 01282 613709 or via email at bursar@holytrinityrc.lancs.sch.uk