

# Birley Primary Academy

Consultation on proposal to change the  
age range of the academy



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## Consultation proposal to change the age range of Birley Primary Academy from the January 2025

Consultation period: 01 July 2024 – 22 July 2024

### Introduction

Birley Primary Academy is proposing to make an application to the Department for Education to extend its age range from 3 - 11 years to 2 - 11 years from January 2025.

As part of the consultation process and as part of the statutory requirements, we are consulting parents and carers of Birley Primary Academy, parents in the area, the Local Authority, other local primary schools and nurseries to seek feedback regarding the proposed changes. The consultation process will run from Monday 1 July 2024 to Monday 22 July 2024. L.E.A.D. Academy Trust will then consider comments received during the consultation period.

### Proposal

Birley Primary Academy currently has a pupil admission number of 90 and capacity for 630 pupils plus up to 52 Nursery pupils. We currently admit children from the term after their third birthday as part of our Nursery Provision. Under the proposals, this will change and will allow us to admit children from the term after their second birthday as part of the Nursery Provision, for those entitled to the early years funding to families of 2-year-old children, initially for up to 10 full time equivalent places. For children who are admitted to Reception this will remain unchanged and will continue to be admitted following the admissions policy.

### Rationale

The proposal is part of a strategy to develop nursery provision in the academy and maximise the educational benefits in offering local families funded access to early year's provision in an academy setting supporting our future pupil's access to a provision. The proposal also supports the recent Government announcement to extend the early years funded entitlement to families of all 2-year-olds from April 2024.

The benefits of this are strong links between families, the community and the academy and improved continuity of educational provision resulting in better outcomes for the children.

It is envisaged that there would be no impact on the academy, the children, the environment or the local community. It is also envisaged that due to the Governments National Early Entitlement Expansion Plans and analysis of provision requirements, there would be no impact to other similar local providers and the placement of children would remain a parental preference.

Following a meeting with the Local Authority they reported that there are 22 children at Spring 2024 living in the local area eligible for the targeted 2 year old childcare scheme.

- What do I need to do?
- If you have any questions or would like to comment on the proposal then please the contact the Headteacher, Dawn McAughey, using the following methods
- In writing to Dawn McAughey, Birley Primary Academy, Thornbridge Avenue, Sheffield, S12 3AB
- or by email to dawnmcaughey@birleyprimaryacademy.co.uk

Following the consultation period L.E.A.D. Academy Trust will consider any comments received and a decision will be made on how to proceed.