

## **Statutory proposal for a prescribed alteration**

### **Proposal to Alter the Lower Age Range at Lilycroft Nursery School to include 2 year olds**

#### **School and Local Authority details:**

Lilycroft Nursery School, Lilycroft Road, Bradford BD9 5AD.

Local Authority - City of Bradford Metropolitan District Council, City Hall, Bradford BD1 1HY

#### **Description of alteration:**

The proposal is to alter the lower age range from age 3 to 2 at Lilycroft Nursery School making provision for up to 64 part time 2 year old pupils to be admitted to the nursery school with effect from 1 September 2018.

The school currently caters for pupils aged 3 to 5 (inclusive) and the proposal is to alter the lower age range to cater for pupils aged 2 to 5 (inclusive).

The current capacity of the school is 220 square metres and is unaffected by this proposal although an additional 40 square metres is also available.

The current number of 3 and 4 year old children attending the nursery school is 158 part time. The proposal would make provision for up to 64 part time 2 year olds to be admitted to the nursery school

No new or additional site is required for this change.

#### **Evidence of demand:**

Lilycroft Nursery under the Governing Body with their Ofsted registered site has consistently delivered up to 70 part time two year old funded places for the last 3 terms.

There are insufficient places within ½ mile of the school if this provision does not operate. As these proposed places are not new places but merely being relocated to the school site this will not have any impact on other providers in the area

#### **Consultation:**

The Local Authority consulted interested parties and the consultation process started on 23 April 2018 and closed on 25 May 2018. A summary of the responses to the consultation is attached.

**Objectives:**

The objectives of the proposal are to change the lower age range of the nursery school from 3 - 5 years (inclusive) to 2 – 5 years (inclusive) This proposal will support the children and families within the local area with a focus on disadvantaged two year olds who are less likely to have experienced play and learning opportunities outside the home, and might fail to achieve their full potential. We can anticipate a significant gap between their outcomes and those of their less disadvantaged peer groups.

Early Education for two year olds seeks to redress some of that imbalance. Research has shown that access to quality early education improves children's outcomes and this provision forms the significant part of early education for two year olds.

There is strong evidence that early education makes a positive difference to young children. The 'Effective Provision of Pre-school Education' study found that high quality early education has particularly strong impacts on the cognitive and social development of disadvantaged children, and that these benefits last throughout primary school.

**Implementation and any proposed stages for implementation:**

The proposal is to alter the lower age range from age 3 to 2 at Lilycroft Nursery School with effect from 1 September 2018.

**Project Costs:**

There would be no costs to the Local Authority to implement the proposed changes to the lower age range at Lilycroft Nursery School.

**Objections and comments:**

Within four weeks from the date of publication of this proposal, i.e. by 5pm on 5 July 2018, any person or organisation may object, support or make comments on the proposal by sending them to Nina Mewse, School Provision and Places Officer, 1<sup>st</sup> Floor Margaret McMillan Tower, Princes Way, Bradford, BD1 1NN or email [educationconsultation@bradford.gov.uk](mailto:educationconsultation@bradford.gov.uk)

## **Summary of responses to consultation on Altering the Age Range at Lilycroft Nursery School**

Consultation was open between 23 April 2018 and 25 May 2018

Breakdown of responses (13):

<b>Group</b>	<b>Agree</b>	<b>Disagree</b>	<b>Other</b>
Parent or child attending the nursery			1
Parent of other child under 3 years			
School Governor	1		
Staff member			
Councillor or MP			
Member of Local Community	2		
Other Childcare Provider		6	1
Local School	1		1
Other			
Total	4	6	3

### **Responses in support of the Proposal**

- The case is made by the Headteacher – it is a necessity.
- Lilycroft nursery school offers outstanding provision and it would be fantastically beneficial to widen the impact to include younger children. We wholeheartedly support this application to continue to share high quality early years across the district.
- Children accessing 2 year education will continue onto 3 year education which is better for them. They will already be familiar not only with the site but the staff too.

### **Responses against the Proposal**

- Will affect our small business and settings.
- Will affect childminders.
- The basis of our objection is that the reach area in question is already well served by 5 providers and that there is insufficient demand to warrant extending the number of providers of the 2 year old offer in the reach.

### **Neither Agree nor Disagree**

- Although I am happy for this to move forward I think consideration to the other school nurseries should be taken when places are allocated. The earlier we can take children in to formal nurseries the more impact we can have.
- Feel ok about this as long as it would not limit parent choice.

- It depends upon the situation. For working parents it could be a good idea but otherwise it's a young age when children should be learning at home rather than attending school.