

Charlesworth School

Long Lane, Charlesworth, Derbyshire, SK13 5ET

Chair: Mrs D. Phillips
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Friday 10th May 2019

Dear Parents/Carers & Staff,

Charlesworth Primary School is a successful, forward thinking school that over recent years has seen significant improvements in pupil progress and a recent 'good' OFSTED inspection. As a result, the school has experienced increasing demand for Reception admissions. We pride ourselves on the quality of relationships within the school and in maintaining small class sizes. As we continue to strive to secure the very best for our pupils and families, I would like to announce an exciting new proposal for the development of our school.

Proposal to Amend the Age Range

The Governing Body of Charlesworth Primary School is considering changing the age range of the school from 5-11 years to 3-11 years. This will be achieved by the addition of a Pre-school intake for children aged 3-4 years of age. We wish to build on the outstanding start children have at Charlesworth by changing the Town Lane Site into a Foundation Stage/Year One Unit. Staff will work as a team and pupils will be allocated to small 'family groups' of approximately 13 children. This will maintain the high quality relationships between children, families and staff whilst ensuring that each child's learning experience is individualised to meet their needs.

Year Two pupils will then be taught on the Town Lane as a Year Two/Three class. The organisation will ensure that our class sizes remain low and we maintain a good level of staffing (both Teachers and Teaching Assistants). You will also be aware of the amazing developments to the outdoor space that have taken place thanks to the dedication of our Friends of Charlesworth Group. We are currently in discussion with the Local Authority to improve the facilities so that we can eventually accommodate two or more additional classrooms. Please see attached possible plans of how this might be organised on each site.

Consultation Process

When proposing to alter the age range of a school, the Department for Education requires the Governing Body to consult with parents/carers and other interested parties to provide them with sufficient opportunity to give their views. The consultation for the proposed change in age range of the school will take place from Friday 10th May 2019 to Friday 14th June 2019. If you have any comments, please forward these on the attached consultation form to the Clerk to the Governors, Charlesworth Primary School at the address shown above.



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All of the comments received in the consultation period will be considered by the governors. Following the consultation, if the governors decide to proceed with the proposed change in the school age range, they will invite parents into school to find out more about how these changes will be managed by the school.

Admission Arrangements

Whilst the school will determine its Pre-school admission policy, arrangements for pupils entering Reception will remain unchanged and are determined by the Local Authority. Parents/carers will still be required to submit an application for a Reception place, even if they have a place in the Pre-school and they will not have an automatic guarantee of a place in Reception.

I hope that, like us, you are excited about the new possibilities we will create with this proposed change.

Yours Faithfully

Dorothy Phillips
(Chair of Governors)