

Derbyshire County Council

Charlesworth Voluntary Controlled Primary School

Proposal by the Governing Body for the Extension of the Age Range of the School from 5-11 years to 3-11 years

Context

Charlesworth Primary School is successful school for children aged 5-11 years, serving Charlesworth and many other surrounding areas. The current number on roll is 97 but over time this is predicted to rise as the number of admissions to the Reception year has been increasing. The school prides itself on the quality of relationships made possible by small classes and a strongly inclusive ethos that enables all pupils to thrive. Pupils are taught on two sites (Long Lane and Town Lane) in four mixed age classes. The school also runs a successful breakfast club and offers a range of on site after school activities which are popular with parents and carers.

Proposal

It is proposed that the age range of Charlesworth Primary School be extended from 5 - 11 years to 3 - 11 years. This will include Pre-school children who will be eligible for admission in the term following their third birthday. Pre-school provision will be during school hours and term time only. All Pre-school places will be full time.

Organisation

It is intended that the Pre-school children will be accommodated on the Long lane Site which will be run as a Foundation Stage/Year One Unit where staffing will be increased to accommodate the additional children. Staff will work as a team across the unit 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 form a new mixed age (Year 2/3) class on the Town Lane site where the organisation will be changed to accommodate three classes.

Funding

The Authority receives funding for all eligible pupils and parents of Pre-school children are

also eligible for 'top-up' funding to ensure that their children can access full time Pre-school provision.

Building Capacity

The reorganisation of teaching spaces will ensure that Charlesworth School has the capacity to accommodate the additional numbers of pupils which this extension of age range would bring.

Consultation

The consultation on this proposal will be from Friday 10th May 2019 to Friday 14th June 2019. Any comments should be recorded on the attached form and sent either by email to enquiries@charlesworth.derbyshire.sch.uk or by post addressed to:

Clerk to the Governors
Charlesworth Primary School
Long Lane, Charlesworth,
Glossop,
Derbyshire SK13 5ET

All returned comments will be viewed and considered by the Governing Body in making it's final decision.

A copy of this document and the response form will also be available to download from the school's website at www.charlesworth.derbyshire.sch.uk.