

STATUTORY PROPOSAL FOR PRESCRIBED ALTERATIONS TO CRADLE HILL COMMUNITY PRIMARY SCHOOL

School Organisation (Prescribed Alterations to Maintained Schools) (England) Regulations 2013

NAME AND ADDRESS OF THE LOCAL AUTHORITY MAKING THE PROPOSAL

East Sussex County Council
County Hall
St Anne's Crescent
Lewes
BN7 1UE

NAME, ADDRESS AND CATEGORY OF SCHOOL

Cradle Hill Community Primary School
Lexden Road
Seaford
East Sussex
BN25 3BA

Cradle Hill Community Primary School is a local authority maintained community school.

DESCRIPTION OF ALTERATION

It is proposed to lower the age range at Cradle Hill Community Primary School from 4-11 to 2-11 with effect from 1 April 2022.

OBJECTIVES OF THE PROPOSAL

The governing board of Cradle Hill Community Primary School wishes to lower the school's age range from 4-11 to 2-11 to re-establish nursery provision on the school site. The aim of the proposal is to integrate, fully, nursery provision into the Early Years Foundation Stage within the school. The governing board wishes to ensure that the school supports the local area by offering high quality early education delivered by experienced and well-trained staff across the Early Years Foundation Stage. The aim is to build on the work already done by the school to secure good outcomes for all children in the future.

EVIDENCE OF DEMAND

A private nursery previously operated from the former Children's Centre building on the school site, providing early years and childcare for families in the area. However, the provider gave notice to cease trading in early 2020. The new nursery would provide places for 8 full-time equivalent (fte) 2 year olds and 16 fte 3 and 4 year olds, fulfilling the needs of families in the area who have identified a requirement for early years provision. The proposal is in line with the local authority's strategy for the integration of nursery and school provision.

PROJECT COSTS

No capital investment is required by the local authority to implement the proposal as the nursery would be situated in the former Children's Centre building on the school site.

IMPLEMENTATION AND ANY PROPOSED STAGES FOR IMPLEMENTATION

It is proposed to implement the proposal on 1 April 2022. It is not intended to implement the proposal in stages.

CONSULTATION

The governing board undertook a period of consultation between 10 May and 14 June 2021 on a proposal to lower the school's age range. The governing board consulted with staff, families of children at the school, the local community, and other interested parties. By the close of the consultation period 14 responses had been received, all of which were positive and in support of the proposal.

In developing its proposal, the school also undertook a local needs survey. From the 74 responses received, 84% said they would consider using a nursery on the Cradle Hill site.

IMPACT ON OTHER SCHOOLS AND ACADEMIES

The local authority does not believe the proposal would impact on other early years' provision, schools or academies in the local area. By re-establishing nursery provision on the school site, it would help to fulfil the needs of families in the area who have identified a requirement for early years provision.

MAKING COMMENTS OR OBJECTIONS

Within four weeks from the date of publication of this proposal, any person may object to, or comment on the proposal, by sending their representations to: Alison Jeffery, Director of Children's Services (FAO: Gary Langford, Place Planning Manager), East Sussex County Council, St Anne's Crescent, Lewes, East Sussex BN7 1UE, or by emailing: school.consultations@eastsussex.gov.uk