



CONSULTATION ON OUR PROPOSAL TO EXTEND THE AGE RANGE OF BAINES' ENDOWED CE PRIMARY ACADEMY, TO A SINGLE PHASE PRIMARY PROVISION FOR 2-11 YEAR OLDS FROM NOVEMBER 2020.

The Purpose of the Consultation Document

The purpose of this document is to provide information on a proposal to extend the age range of Baines' Endowed Primary Academy from 3- 11 years to 2 - 11 years, to create a full early years and primary provision. This will mean that the school will continue to take children from age 2 to age 11 (Year 6) but under the same Ofsted registration. Currently the school and nursery is under the leadership and management of Cidari, school leaders and governors. The nursery already takes children from 2 to 4 years and is based in the existing 'Children's Centre' building. The provision will remain in this building and no changes are required. The trustees of the school own the land upon which the building is situated, and are fully supportive of the proposed change.

1. Background

Baines' Endowed Nursery was graded 'Good' by Ofsted in October 2016 and Baines' Endowed Primary Academy was graded 'Good' by Ofsted in February 2018. The inspection stated that '*Pupils have a spring in their step and smiles on their faces as they come into school. They feel safe and valued as individuals at Baines' Primary School*'. Since the reduction in age range of the nursery provision and the closure of the Children's Centre, the Local Governing Committee and the Senior Leadership Team have been considering how best to support the children of our community and toddler age children in order to secure a strong and positive future for our academy within the ever changing national, regional and local contexts. The toddler provision automatically feeds into our pre-school provision and as such the leadership and management of the nursery provision as a whole is the same. We feel it would be beneficial to all stakeholders for all of our provision to be under the same educational and financial umbrella, URN and Ofsted registration to encapsulate a full sense of belonging. This is a minimal change that would cause no difference to the offer to our children and the wider community enabling us to build on our identified strengths and continue to provide a rich and exciting education for our children.

2. Contextual Position

There will be no change in the contextual position as our academy already runs the nursery. This means that there will be no change to the competition for parental choice with regard to the variety of options and opportunities that are being offered within the community, or threat of new competition to the other local nursery providers/pre-schools.

3. Proposal

We believe that our children, parents and staff would benefit from a full EYFS/Primary setting that is designed to meet the learning needs of a child at Early Years, Key Stages 1 and 2. The proposed change would provide stability for academy organisation and management. It will sustain high standards of education and maintain the nurture and well-being of children and their families; It will allow for greater alignment of children's attainment and progress across all phases; It enables further collaborative working between and among phases with a view to enhancing the sharing of specialist

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4. Details of the Proposed Arrangements

The Local Governing Committee, through consultation with Cidari Education Limited, is able to propose, consult upon and lower the age limit by up to two years following liaison with the DfE. The school will inform the Secretary of State by updating the Register of Education Establishments (Edubase). This change would then come into effect from November 2020.

5. Process of Consultation

The purpose of the consultation is to seek views of those in our school and the wider community about the proposal being put forward. Any responses are welcome and should be sent through Miss Nicola Sawyer, on behalf of Mrs Debi Rusling, via e-mail (nicola.sawyer@cidari.co.uk) marked AGE RANGE CONSULTATION. Responses will be collated into a Consultation Report that the Local Governing Committee will consider, with the aid of the DfE's publication 'Guidance for decision-makers (published April 2016) prior to making their decision.

Consultation begins Wednesday 8th July 2020 for 4 weeks, closing Wednesday 5th August 2020.



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