

Consultation on a change of age range at Wigton Infant School to incorporate Longthwaite Road Pre-School

The existing nursery provider on the school site (Longthwaite Road Pre-School) has spoken to Wigton Infant School about transferring its pre-school facilities to the infant school. The current Voluntary Management led childcare provision would become a maintained nursery as part of the infant school if this change is made.

In order for Wigton Infant School to establish a maintained nursery it is necessary for Cumbria County Council to publish a formal notice to change the age range that the school can cater for. The existing age range of the school is 4 to 7 and the proposal is to change that to 2 to 7 years of age.

The current arrangements with Longthwaite Road Pre-School will remain in place for the rest of the academic year. Following that, should Wigton Infant make a change in its age range, it is not anticipated that the existing pre-school operating hours would alter, however the teaching arrangements may differ due to changing roles of staff. The children would continue to attend in the way they do now.

To make this change we must first consult on the proposals with those who may be affected and then consider any responses received, before deciding whether to go ahead with the next stage of the process.

This letter marks the start of a 6 week consultation period which will run from Monday 27th January 2020 until Friday 6th March 2020. Using the reply slip overleaf you can indicate your support, or otherwise, for the proposal. There is also a space if you wish to make any additional comments. Cumbria County Council's Cabinet will then consider the responses it has received and decide whether to publish formal notice of the proposal. If notice of the proposal is published a four week representation period will start, providing another opportunity for comment. Within two months of the end of the representation period Cabinet must make a decision on the proposal. If the proposal is approved it is likely that the change would be implemented from September 2020.

Further information is available at

www.cumbria.gov.uk/childrensservices/school-organisation

Using the reply slip overleaf, your response should be returned to:

School Organisation, Environment and Regulatory Services, Parkhouse Building, Kingmoor Business Park, Carlisle CA6 4SJ.



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Proposal to change the age range at Wigton Infant School from 4 to 7 to 2 to 7 years of age to establish a maintained nursery provision.

Please tick one box:

I **support** this proposal

I **do not support** this proposal

Additional comments

Please indicate your interest in this proposal by ticking one of the boxes

below. I am:

Parent of a pupil at Wigton Infant School

Parent of a pupil at Longthwaite Road Pre-School

Staff/governor at Wigton Infant School

Staff/management/volunteer at Longthwaite Road Pre-School

Name.....(Please print)

Postcode..... Date.....