



PROPOSAL TO CHANGE THE AGE RANGE OF FAIRLAWN PRIMARY SCHOOL

Notice is given in accordance with Section 19 (1) of the Education and Inspections Act 2006 and the School Organisation (Prescribed Alterations to Maintained Schools) (England) Regulations 2013/3110 that Lewisham Council intends to change the age range of Fairlawn Primary School from age 4-11 to age 3-11 to enable the permanent addition of a Nursery class. The anticipated implementation date of this prescribed alteration is September 2022.

Name, address and contact details of proposer:

Lewisham Council, Laurence House, 1 Catford Road, London SE6 4RU

Name, address and category of school:

Fairlawn Primary School, Honor Oak Road, London SE23 3SB
This is a community school.

Description of alteration:

The Council proposes that Fairlawn Primary School's age range should change to enable the permanent addition of a Nursery class from September 2022.

The proposal means that the school will be able to permanently continue with Nursery provision, having successfully run a provision on a temporary basis over the past 2 years. The cohort size of the school will not increase, and no construction/expansion works are necessary to accommodate this permanent change.

Evidence of demand:

The school took a decision to open a nursery class from September 2020 on a trial basis following consultation with prospective parents and a business case approved by the Governing Body.

In the following two years, the nursery has proven to be a success and provides 26 places to the local community, and has been proven to be both financially viable and helping to boost early year's education in the local area. Those 26 places consist of 16 '30 hour' places and 10 morning and 10 afternoon places. As of May 2022 the current signed up intake for September 2022 is for 16 '30 hour' places, 8 morning places and 7 afternoon places.

Following this trial period, the school now wish to permanently change the age range to accommodate the nursery provision long-term.

Objectives:

The objective of the proposal is to allow the new nursery provision to carry on permanently following a trial period, in line with statutory guidance.

The proposal would not have any negative impact on other schools, academies and educational institutions in the area. The proposal would also have a positive impact on travel distance/time for the majority of pupils, as they would be able to attend a more local nursery provision.

This proposal forms part of Lewisham Council's response to the statutory obligation to provide sufficient school places.

Implementation and any proposed stages for implementation:

The change in age range proposed would come in to force from September 2022.

Effect on other educational institutions in the area:

It is not anticipated that the proposed change in age range will have any impact on other educational facilities within the local area, particularly as this is the continuation of a successful 2 year trail.

Project Costs:

There are no costs associated with this proposal

Commenting on the proposal:

Within five weeks from the date of publication of this proposal (by 12 noon, 17 June 2022), any person may comment on, support, or object to the proposal in writing to Matt Henaughan, Head of Infrastructure, 2nd Floor Laurence House, 1 Catford Road, London SE6 4RU, matt.henaughan@lewisham.gov.uk

There will also be a public meeting for interested parties held virtually on Monday 23 May 2022 at 5pm. Further details are available via our website or using the email address above.

Signed: Matt Henaughan, Head of Infrastructure, Children and Young People's Services

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