



**'Together We Can'**

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## **Proposal to Extend Early Years Foundation Stage (EYFS) Provision at Leavening Community Primary**

Dear parents/carers and our school community.

Having successfully provided three and four-year-old provision in our Governor-led nursery since 2018, the Governing Body wish to formally extend the age range of the school to include 2-year olds in the Early years Foundation Stage

There are many recognised benefits in schools offering early years provision from aged 2 years of age:

- to improve the quality of provision for children in the Early Years Foundation Stage, particularly around Personal, Social, Emotional Development (PSED) with more children contributing to a more social environment.
- so that children experience continuity of education and care without the disruption of transition from age 2 to 3 and into nursery.
- to enable children to work with staff who have time to get to know them really well
- so that parents are more likely to choose to educate their children within their local community from the outset
- where possible to provide extended care to support parents' training or return to work.

In consultation with the Local Authority and following the increase in government funding from April 2024, we are gauging whether there is sufficient demand within the locality for such provision.

We know that the school has the continuing capacity to house such provision. We are also confident that, given the quality of the existing provision in place and the developments being made, this can be maintained and strengthened over the coming years.

In order to make this change, we would very much value your thoughts on the proposal to formalise the existing provision. The first section of the consultation is open to all parents and carers of our school. The second section is specifically for those parents and carers in our school community with infants. Please complete the google form for this consultation: <https://forms.gle/W9fcbMwdiY1ygGyq6> Consultation closes on Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> November 2023.

If you are experiencing technical difficulties in accessing the google form, please contact the school office for a hard copy of the survey. Thank you.

Yours sincerely  
Mrs Mitchell (Head Teacher)



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