

08 February 2021

Cheshire West and Chester Borough Council is consulting on a proposal to permanently increase the age range of Weaverham Forest Primary School, Forest Street, Northwich, Cheshire, CW8 3EY from 4-11 years of age to 2-11 years of age from September 2021.

1. Why is there a proposal to increase the age range of Weaverham Forest Primary School?

Cheshire West and Chester Borough Council (the Council) has been requested by the Governing Body of Weaverham Forest Primary School (the Governing Body) to permanently increase the age range of the school to enable the nursery provision established on a temporary basis in November 2019 to be made permanent.

The proposal will enable the school to continue to provide full-time qualified teacher-led teaching, learning and developmental activities to two- and three-year olds, including those with an entitlement to early years education. The Governing Body believes making an early years offer in this way helps enhance children's future learning as they progress smoothly into statutory education and through the school. The School believes the introduction of this provision has helped strengthen relationships with parents at the earliest opportunity.

Through the levels of attendance achieved since its temporary establishment parents have demonstrated their support for this provision. There are currently 33 children in attendance, this is forecast to rise to 37 children during the Summer Term when the number of children with an early years education entitlement reaches its maximum number.

2. Where will the provision be made?

The school will continue to use the accommodation currently being used within the school for the purpose of providing early years education.

3. Will any building work be required to accommodate the younger children?

The school have not advised of any additional building work being required to permanently establish this provision.

4. How many pre-school children will be admitted and will this mean reducing the number of pupils admitted to the school as a consequence?

The Governing Body proposes to continue to admit up to 8 two-year olds and 24 three and four-year olds to attend 10 sessions running over 5 days per week during the 38-week academic year. The permanent establishment of nursery education will not impact upon the capacity of the school to deliver education to children of school age.

5. The consultation process – indicative timeline

Date	Activity
08 February – 14 March 2021	Informal Public Consultation Period
02 - 04 March 2021	Opportunity for parents/carers, staff, pupils, governors, stakeholders and interested parties to book MSTeams meeting with Council and School representatives.
April 2021	The Director of Education decides whether to progress the proposal to formal consultation.
April-May 2021	If agreed by the Director, a Public Notice will be published in a local newspaper, displayed at the school and published on the Council's website. During this time 'representations' can be made in response to the proposal. This period of formal consultation will run for four weeks.
June-July 2021	All responses to the informal consultation and any representations received during the formal consultation will be considered by the decision-maker and will inform the decision whether to approve the proposal.
September 2021	The earliest date that a permanent increase in age range of the school could be implemented if the proposal is agreed.

6. How can I give my views?

There are a number of ways to give us your views on this proposal:

- A virtual facetime meeting using MSTeams for parents/carers, members of staff, governors and other interested parties can be booked at a time and date to be agreed from Tuesday 02 March to Thursday 04 March 2021, at which there will be the opportunity to ask questions and provide comments to a Council Officer and if requested a representative of the school. If you would like to take up the opportunity please email schoolplanningandpolicy@cheshirewestandchester.gov.uk no later than 22 February 2021.
- By sending the response form to School Organisation Team, Cheshire West and Chester Council, (Nicholas House, Floor 3), 4 Civic Way, Ellesmere Port, CH65 0BE. All written responses need to be received by midnight on Sunday 14 March 2021.
- By completing the online form via the link: <https://www.smartsurvey.co.uk/s/weaverhamforest/>
- By emailing schoolplanningandpolicy@cheshirewestandchester.gov.uk
- Visit www.cheshirewestandchester.gov.uk/weaverhamforestconsultation for further information.

7. What happens next?

This stage of consultation stage closes at midnight on Sunday 14 March 2021. A report summarising the responses received during this consultation period will be submitted to the Director of Education and Inclusion who will decide whether to proceed with the proposal and move to publish statutory proposals in the form of a public notice to be published in a local newspaper. For a period of four weeks following the publication date any person can comment on the proposals. Having considered all responses a final decision will be made by the Cabinet Member for Children and Families whether to approve the proposal.

Weaverham Forest Primary School – public consultation feedback to be completed by deadline of midnight Sunday 14 March 2021.

We would like your comments on the Council's proposals for Weaverham Forest Primary School outlined in the accompanying consultation document. Please read this document before completing this survey.

Q1. Please tell us whether you agree or disagree with the proposal to permanently increase the age range Weaverham Forest Primary School from 4-11 years of age to 2-11 years of age?

Agree Disagree Not sure/don't know

Q2. Do you wish to make any additional comments with regards to the proposed change to permanently increase the age range of Weaverham Forest Primary School from 4-11 years of age to 2-11 years of age?

About you

The information you give in this section is strictly confidential and will be used to analyse the responses. All questions are voluntary; please leave blank any you wish not to answer. No information will be released that would allow identification of you as an individual or of your household.

Q3. To which of the following categories do you belong?

Parent/carer Pupil* Governor Member of school staff

Local resident Other** ** Please specify.....

* Please ensure an adult knows you are completing this survey

Q4. Which school (if any) are you linked with

Q5. Please tell us your postcode (not full address).....

Please send any responses back by the deadline of midnight, **14 March 2021**

- By post: School Organisation Team, Cheshire West & Chester Council, (Floor 3, Nicholas House) , 4 Civic Way, Ellesmere Port, CH65 0BE
- Email: schoolplanningandpolicy@cheshirewestandchester.gov.uk

Thank you for completing this survey.

Additional Information

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- At the end of the period of informal consultation the Council will assess the Equality Impact of the proposal to see if it could affect anyone unfairly. We welcome any comments you might wish to make that might help to inform this assessment.

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