

Townley School and Pre-School

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Consultation on a change of age range at Townley School

Introduction

The purpose of this document is to advise you of proposed changes to the provision of Early Years education at Townley School which would involve the lowering of the schools' age range by 2 years to enable it to admit children from age 2.

The consultation period will run for 4 weeks from 7th June 2017 and will involve all relevant stakeholders. The Local Authority working with the School's Governing Body will give very careful consideration to all comments received during the consultation period before reaching a decision on whether or not to proceed with the proposed changes.

What change is being proposed?

Townley School currently provides early years education for children aged two, three and four in our PVI (Private/Voluntary/Independent) pre-school. The provision operates under the school's Ofsted registration. Since 2014 government funding has been available to support the extension of the entitlement for funded early years and childcare hours to eligible 2 year olds. The school would like to provide maintained places for two year olds from September 2017 so that its local families can benefit from this change and, more importantly, access 2 year old places at their local setting. This change would However, to formally make this change it is necessary to change the age range of the school.

The Local Authority working with Governing Body of Townley School is, therefore, proposing to change the age range of the school from 4 - 11 years to 2 - 11 years in accordance with current and relevant legislation.

Please note that, if implemented, this would not affect the determined admission arrangements. Parents will still need to follow the school admission process when applying for a place for their child in Reception.

How can you ask questions, or get more information and comment on the proposal?

If you have any questions, or wish to make a response to this consultation please email PlacePlanningReferrals0-19@cambridgeshire.gov.uk, or alternatively, write to 0-19 Place Planning and School Organisation Service through the school, using the address above by close of business on 4th July 2017

Thank you for your support.

Mrs Maria-Anne Higgins