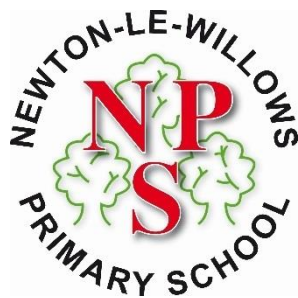


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22nd July 2026

Proposal to Lower the School Age Range and Establish Nursery Provision

1. Introduction

Newton-le-Willows Primary School is proposing to lower its age range to enable the establishment of nursery provision for children aged two.

The Governing Body, working in partnership with the Local Authority, wishes to seek views from parents, carers, staff, governors, local childcare providers, community organisations and other stakeholders before making any final decision.

We are committed to ensuring that all stakeholders have the opportunity to share their views during this consultation period.

2. Background

The school is considering opening a nursery to:

- Increase access to high-quality early years education.
- Improve the transition between nursery and Reception.
- Support children's learning and development from an earlier age.
- Respond to local childcare sufficiency needs.
- Provide additional childcare options for local families.
- Strengthen early identification and support for children with Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND).

3. Why Are We Proposing This Change?

The proposal has been developed following consideration of:

- Local demand for childcare and nursery places.
- Feedback from parents and the wider community.
- Local Authority sufficiency assessments.
- Opportunities to improve educational outcomes through earlier intervention.
- The need for greater support for working families.

The school believes that establishing nursery provision would provide an important additional service for children and families within the community.

4. Proposed Nursery Model

If approved, the nursery would:

Area	Proposal
Age Range	2 Year Olds
Capacity	20
Opening Hours	8.00am – 4.00pm
Term Time / Year Round	Term-Time
Location	New extension to existing provision
Staffing	Qualified Early Years practitioners and leadership team
Curriculum	Early Years Foundation Stage (EYFS)
SEND Support	Inclusive provision with appropriate support arrangements

The proposal would not reduce statutory school places currently available within the school.

5. Potential Benefits

The school believes the proposal could:

For Children

- Provide high-quality early education.
- Improve readiness for Reception.
- Support social, emotional and language development.
- Enable earlier identification of additional needs.

For Families

- Increase childcare choice.
- Offer continuity from nursery through to primary education.
- Support working parents through local provision.

For the Community

- Improve childcare sufficiency.
- Strengthen links between education and families.
- Contribute to positive outcomes for young children.

6. Impact on Existing Providers

The school and Local Authority recognise the importance of a sustainable early years sector.

The proposal aims to:

- Complement existing provision.

- Meet unmet demand where capacity gaps exist.
- Promote partnership working with local providers.
- Support smooth transitions between settings.

Feedback from local childcare providers and childminders is particularly welcomed.

7. Consultation Period

The consultation will run from:

Start Date: 22nd July 2026

End Date: 2nd September 2026

During this period stakeholders may:

- Submit written responses.
 - Participate in surveys.
 - Contact the school with questions or comments.
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8. How to Respond

Please submit your views using one of the following methods:

Email: newtonp@sthelens.org.uk

Online Survey: Via School Spider form attached to this letter

Post: Newton-le-Willows Primary School, Sanderling Road, Newton-le-Willows,
Merseyside. WA12 9UF

School Office: Paper copies available upon request.

All responses received by the closing date will be considered.

9. Next Steps

Following the consultation:

1. Responses will be analysed and summarised.
2. A report will be presented to Governors.
3. The Governing Body will determine whether to proceed.
4. If approved, implementation is anticipated from September 2029

A summary of consultation findings will be made available following the consultation process.

Yours sincerely

Mrs L Chisnall
Headteacher

Stakeholder Response Form

About You

Please indicate which group you represent:

- ☐Parent/Carer
- ☐School Staff
- ☐Governor
- ☐Local Childcare Provider
- ☐Childminder
- ☐Community Organisation
- ☐Resident
- ☐Other (please specify): _____

Consultation Questions

1. Do you support the proposal to establish nursery provision at [School Name]?

- ☐Strongly Support
- ☐Support
- ☐Neither Support nor Oppose
- ☐Oppose
- ☐Strongly Oppose

2. What do you believe are the potential benefits of this proposal?

3. Do you have any concerns about the proposal?

4. How might the proposal impact children and families within the local area?

5. If you are a childcare provider, childminder or early years setting, how do you think the proposal may impact local provision?

6. Do you have any suggestions to improve the proposed nursery model?

7. Any other comments?

Thank You

Thank you for taking the time to share your views. Your feedback will help inform the school's decision-making process and ensure that any future nursery provision meets the needs of local children, families and the wider community.

