

Bollington St. John's Church of England  
Primary School



*Where talent grows*

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*"Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord." Colossians 3:23*

Dear Parents, Carers, Staff and Stakeholders of St John's C of E Primary School,

Bollington St John's Primary School plans to further enhance our Early Years setting by opening our own preschool provision for children from 2.5 years from September 2026. I am writing to inform you of this proposed change and to invite your views as part of a formal consultation process.

### **Background**

The management team of Allsorts informed us of their intention to cease operation of the preschool by the end of the 2026 summer term. Allsorts' management team, St John's leadership team and governors felt that it would be beneficial to the St John's school community, to parents and to children already attending or enrolled in Allsorts, to maintain high-quality preschool provision on site.

### **What this means in practice**

The preschool will continue to operate in the same space, in much the same way as has been successfully established by the Allsorts team. We will be able to ensure a high calibre of leadership, governance, teaching and support staff. Children will benefit from a seamless transition into school and from the wider resources the school offers - such as catering, sports provision, forest school and wrap-around care - as well as our ambitious and rich curriculum.

We are proud of our inclusive, warm and nurturing school community and look forward to welcoming preschool children and their families, into our fold.

If approved, the proposals include:

- Preschool provision with the location, facilities and environment established by Allsorts.
- The preschool being incorporated fully into the structure and governance of St John's Primary School.
- Admission of children to St John's Primary School from age 2.5 upwards.
- Alignment of preschool curriculum and practices with the school's early years framework.
- Support of children through early identification of pupils with SEND needs.
- Flexibility for families as they will have access to childcare for all their children in the same setting.

### **Consultation Process**

The Local Authority and Diocese have been consulted as part of our planning phase, and we are now keen to hear your views.

The consultation process will run from 24<sup>th</sup> April 2026 to noon 22<sup>nd</sup> May, 2026.

You can share your feedback by emailing [consultation@stjohnsboll.cheshire.sch.uk](mailto:consultation@stjohnsboll.cheshire.sch.uk)

We recognise that this proposal represents a formal change to the structure of St John's School, but envisage that from the perspective of children, families and the local community - preschool provision at St John's School will continue very much in the established manner. In the meantime, we will continue to work closely with the Allsorts team to plan for a smooth transition and thank them for their support and co-operation.

Yours faithfully,

John Rogers

Co-Chair of Governors  
Bollington St John's C of E Primary School