

Statutory Proposal by North Yorkshire County Council for the Lowering of the School Age Range at Great Ouseburn Community Primary School

Full Proposal Document

Name and contact details of the Local Authority or governing body publishing the proposal:

North Yorkshire County Council, County Hall, Northallerton, North Yorkshire, DL7 8AE

Name, address and category of the school proposed for alteration:

Great Ouseburn Community Primary School,

Proposed Implementation date:

1 September 2017

Description of alteration and evidence of demand

To lower the age range of Great Ouseburn Community Primary School from 4-11 to 3-11. This would lead to a creation of Foundation Stage Class which would accommodate 3 and 4 year old pupils. This has been led by the fact that the private provider, Ouseburn Playgroup, is expected to cease operations on their former site from the end of the summer term. There are currently children accessing provision at Ouseburn Playgroup and the school governors wish to, as far as possible, see the continuation of early years provision education for these families.

Objectives educational standards and parental choice

To provide continuity of Early Years provision for parent, pupils and the local community.

To bring the Early Years setting under the governance of the Governing Body of Great Ouseburn Community Primary School in order to continue high standards of Early Years provision.

The 3 year old provision at Great Ouseburn Community Primary School would continue to form part of a choice of places available at schools and also in the Private and Voluntary sector in the wider local area.

Effect on other schools, academies and educational institutions within the area:

There would be no effect on surrounding schools as the proposal is to replace the provision, currently available at Ouseburn Playgroup, on the school site rather than to open any new provision.

Local providers of Early Years education were notified as part of the non-statutory pre-consultation and will again have a chance to comment as part of this representation period.

Project Costs:

There are not envisaged to be any project costs involved in the set-up of the 3 year old provision under the governance of Great Ouseburn Community Primary School Governors. The existing buildings inclusive of the building formally let to the private provider will continue to be used to accommodate the Early Years places.

The revenue costs of the 3 year old provision will be met in the same way as they were for the private provider, a combination central government funding and parental subscription.

Implementation:

Following a formal decision to approve the lowering of age range the leadership and governors of Great Ouseburn Community Primary School will work to have the new arrangements in place for 1 September 2017.

Procedure for making representations (objections and comments)

Within four weeks from the date of publication of this proposal, any person may object to or make comments on the proposal by sending them to Corporate Director- Children and Young People's Service, North Yorkshire County Council, County Hall, Northallerton, DL7 8AE by 5pm on 20 July 2017.