

## Stoney Middleton CE Primary School Consultation on Age Range Change

### **FAQ**

#### **How will the setting differ if it is run by the school?**

All children will have access to a qualified teacher. The resources currently used in school (including staff) will be used and available to the nursery including; speech and language therapy, education psychologist assessment and support, access to the school's dedicated SENCo (Special educational needs co-ordinator). The school's communication systems will be used to ensure good communication is in place for all parents of Nursery aged children.

#### **My child is not ready for school?**

The children will be taught from the EYFS (Early year's foundation stage) curriculum by an experienced, qualified team of early years staff and be measured against the early learning goals (as they are now). We do not envisage changing the curriculum or objectives. Children will learn through play and discovery and being creative within a carefully planned environment both indoors and outside. The teacher's role within the setting is to ensure that the early learning goals are met and the curriculum taught to a high standard for all children. These goals cover the stages of child development from 0 – 5yrs.

#### **Who will be in charge?**

The Nursery will be run by a qualified early year's teacher, who will be part of the early year's team within the school, planning for true progression and continuity to meet the needs of each and every child. They will be supported by a strong leadership team including our Head of Teaching and Learning, the non-teaching SENCo and experienced Safeguarding Officers. All HR services, line management and Performance Management systems will be provided to the staff of the Nursery as employees to ensure that the best quality education and child care is sustainable.

#### **When will the school led nursery open?**

The new provision will start on 1<sup>st</sup> September 2017.

#### **How will the nursery be governed?**

The Governing Body of the school currently govern the pre-school. This will be the same for the nursery. Governors are in post for at least 4 years.

#### **How would the change in provision effect the progress into school?**

Progress into school should be quicker and easier for the children (and staff). Research has proven that school led nurseries directly improve academic and social progress for children from 0 – 5.

#### **Will this restrict parental choice?**

Parents can apply as normal to the Nursery or any other pre-school provider in the area. The nursery will be open from 8.45am allowing parents to come in from that time and staying open till 3.15pm to allow parents to come in and chat to staff at the end of a day. However we also run a breakfast club from 8.00am and after school clubs until 4.30pm which children would be welcome to attend if parents wished.

#### **Will the children wear uniform?**

The children will be asked to wear school uniform. This will be the same uniform wear in the reception year.

#### **Will there be more resources?**

The school will resource the Nursery based on the requirements of the early years curriculum and the facilities that we give the children access to within the school. Funding for resources will come from the school budget. There will be full access to the resources, both human and physical, that the school has at its disposal. There will be an investment by the school in any needed resources required for the Nursery.

**Will any staff currently working in the school be working in the nursery?**

The nursery will have access and input from the following staff:

Headteacher

Teaching staff

Outdoor education leaders

Speech and language therapists

Site manager

SENCo

I.T support

**What is the motivation behind the change?**

The current Foundation classes are taught within the final part of the early year's curriculum, which is seen as a separate key stage within the school. Extending the age range enables the school to teach the whole of the early year's curriculum rather than just the last part. This means there is no break or change in provider at any point in this key stage. The children will be part of the school from their first day in the nursery and should therefore mean that there would be significantly less adjustment anxieties when moving into the Foundation classes (parents still need to apply for a place in reception separately).

**What will you do at lunchtimes?**

The children will continue to eat their lunch with the rest of the school, children in for full days or the afternoon sessions will be able to purchase a hot school meal or bring in a packed lunch.

**What will be the difference in staff ratios?**

The legal minimum for a school led nursery is 1 qualified teacher, and 1 NVQ level 3. In addition to this we would employ a mealtime assistant to help cover the lunch period. There would also be support from the leadership team.

**Will we accept child care vouchers?**

Yes

**Will it cost me more for extra sessions?**

There would be a charge for extra sessions. Please speak to Mrs Tomlinson if this is something that you would require.

**What building will the children be in?**

The children will be in the main school building working within Bootmakers class. The building will be maintained, updated and resourced in the same way as all other parts of the school site.

**What session times will be available to parents?**

5 x 3hour sessions 9.00am – 12.00pm

12.00pm – 3.00pm

The nursery will be open from 8.45am until 3.15pm, with breakfast club running from 8.00am and after-school club until 4.30pm