

Consultation on Age Range Change 2 -11-year olds at Hunts Grove Primary Academy

What change is being proposed?

Hunts Grove Primary Academy ("the Academy") opened in March 2015. The Academy has recently moved into its brand-new premises and currently offers primary education for children aged 4 to 11 years.

The Board of Trustees of the Robinswood Academy Trust ("the Trust") wishes to lower the age range of Hunts Grove Primary Academy from 4-11 to 2-11 to enable 2 and 3-year-old children to access pre-school nursery provision within the Academy.

Lowering the age range will enable the Academy to teach the entire early years' curriculum from 2 to 5 years with no break or change in provider at any point in this Key Stage. This means that the children will have greater continuity in their education across the Early Years Foundation stage.

Will there be any disruption to the children at Hunts Grove Primary Academy?

Current Hunts Grove children should notice minimal change; designated, purpose-built classrooms have been incorporated into the new school building specifically for pre-school provision. The classrooms have appropriate toileting and changing facilities as well as a designated outside play area. The pre-school will also have access to the school hall and other communal spaces. There is a separate entrance to pre-school and adequate, off road parking for parents dropping off at and picking up from pre-school.

Will this restrict parental choice?

Parents can apply to Hunts Grove Pre-School or any other pre-school provider in the area.

Please note that there is no change proposed to the determined admission arrangements for Hunts Grove Primary Academy. The admission criteria for Reception entry will remain unchanged and there is no change to the fact that a place at Hunts Grove Pre-School does not in any way guarantee a place at Hunts Grove Primary Academy.

Governance

Governance for Hunts Grove Pre-School will continue to be subject to the same governance arrangements as Hunts Grove Primary Academy.

What will be the impact on alternative pre-school provision locally?

The Trust does not believe that the proposal will have a negative or material impact on other early years providers, schools or academies in the surrounding area. The Academy has already received a number of enquiries regarding pre-school provision. Many of the enquiries have been from parents of children already attending the Academy.

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

If you have any questions or wish to respond or comment on the proposal, please email the Company Secretary, Mrs Celia Daghish (email: cdaghish@robinswoodtrust.co.uk), or alternatively, write to Mrs Daghish at Robinswood Primary Academy, Underhill Road, Matson, Gloucester GL4 6HE. We will be allowing 4 weeks for receiving responses, so all responses must be received by midnight on Monday 23rd December 2019