

Ashwater Primary School
The Carey Federation

Consultation on Change of Age Range

Proposal

It is proposed to lower the age range of Ashwater Primary School from 4-11 years to 2-11 years of age with effect from January 2023

Background

Ashwater Primary School is a Community School maintained by Devon County Council for ages 4-11.

Ashwater Pre-School is a Governor run Pre-School, situated on the grounds of Ashwater Primary School and currently offers places to 2, 3 and 4 years olds.

Devon County Council is consulting on a proposal to lower the age range of Ashwater Primary School from 4-11 to 2-11 years of age from January 2023.

This proposal is concerned with the pre-school becoming part of the school rather than operating as an extended service. There will be no change in relation to the number of early years places currently offered and no change to the school's published admission number. If the proposal is approved, the main difference is that the pre-school will become a maintained Nursery Class, organised as a Foundation Stage Unit (Nursery and Reception class). Early Years staff will be employed directly by the school and children currently in the pre-school will be registered on the school roll, if the proposal is approved.

Parents will still need to make a separate application to Devon County Council for a place in the reception class.

Capital

No capital funding will be required by the School from Devon County Council. The proposal will not affect the capacity of the School, nor the Published Admission Number of 8 for ages 5-11 and will not put pressure on existing classroom space.

The Process

A proposal to change the age range of a Community School requires a statutory process to be followed which includes a six-week consultation period, followed by a formal four week representation period. The school and Devon County Council, as the decision-maker, will carefully consider all responses and we will keep you informed via: [Have Your Say \(devon.gov.uk\)](https://www.devon.gov.uk/consultation)

The proposed indicative timetable is as follows:

Consultation period: Monday 12 September to Friday 21 October (6 weeks)

Formal representation period: Wednesday 2 November to Wednesday 30 November 2022. A Brief Notice will be published in the Western Morning News and a Full Proposal (along with a copy of the Brief Notice) will be published online at: [Have Your Say \(devon.gov.uk\)](https://www.devon.gov.uk)

Proposed implementation: January 2023

Responding to the consultation

Anyone is welcome to comment on or object to this proposal by:

emailing: schoolconsultations@devon.gov.uk

writing to: Shona Meek
School Place Planning,
Devon County Council,
Room 120,
County Hall,
Topsham Road,
Exeter,
EX2 4QG

By the closing date of **Friday 21 October 2022**

All responses will be shared with the school concerned unless you request otherwise.

All responses will be placed on public file and will be available for public inspection. Please note that all comments will be properly considered by the decision-makers, but we will not send individual responses to any specific points raised. The website will be updated and all statutory requirements complied with.