



Pre-school Consultation June/July 2021 to lower the age of admission from 3 to 2 ½ years of age

Little Apples Pre-School has been on the school site for over two years now and in that time, it has grown to be a successful provision for the school and the local community. Working parents approached the school to request their child to attend before the age of three years of age, feeling that it would be easier to drop siblings all in one place than to seek alternative provision a few miles away. The school do not feel that by lowering the age of admission in Little Apples Pre-School, that other provisions would necessarily be impacted. Rather, it would offer a pre-school place earlier to the same children who would ordinarily be registered at Little Apples. It would also enable the school to be in the position to offer 2 year old entitlement funding for parents.

Thank you to everyone who replied to our consultation. We delivered our consultation to all school parents and local parties either by hard copy or email as well as posting on our school website for wider circulation amongst any interesting parties. We received 5 responses which are summarised below:

4 responses were from existing parents, one was from the LA

100% were in favour of lowering the age of admission

3 of the parents who responded have a younger sibling and would be interested in sending their two year old child if the age was lowered from 3 years to 2.

No further comments were received.

The Governors at Speen School have therefore decided to go ahead with offering places for 2 year olds at Little Apples Pre-School. Offers of places would remain dependent upon the current numbers of children, the ages and number of staff, to maintain compliancy of pupil-staff ratios.

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Acting Chair of Governors
12th August 2021