

## Crawley Ridge Infant School – proposal to lower the school age range

Proposal to lower the age range of Crawley Ridge Infant School, Camberley, Surrey Heath to include children under the age of four from September 1<sup>st</sup>, 2022, to ensure the school can meet the needs of local families.

The governing body of Crawley Ridge Infant School is consulting you on a proposal to lower the admissions age of the school. This will enable us to develop a school nursery, entry for children under the age of four. This proposal will ensure a consistent approach to learning for our youngest children and enable us to meet the needs of our local community in relation to early years' education.

### **Why are we proposing to lower the entry age of the children joining our school?**

Supporting the government's policy on providing 15 hours Funded Early Education for eligible children in schools we propose to ensure that our school is able to provide for children under the age of four, in the area; a secure, stimulating and quality early years education place. This will complement the offer we have for children in our Reception Early Years Class and provide a joined-up approach to early years education in our School.

### **Why are we consulting now?**

Changes to the DFE/Ofsted regulations enabling schools to include children under the age of four in May 2015 will ensure that the nursery provision is included on the school's inspection process. Consultation is part of the fast-track change process for Academies.

### **Will the proposal have any impact on the school's admission arrangements?**

Currently we offer 60 reception places and do not have a nursery accommodating children under the age of four. It is proposed that we would initially offer a total of 52 sessions\* for 2-, 3- and 4-year-olds (although this may change depending on the needs of our community and the number of families entitled to 30 funded hours) from September 1st, 2022.

*\*Full-time children account for 2 sessions per day, one in the morning and one in the afternoon.*

The current capacity of the school is 180 and it is proposed that this will increase when nursery children are added onto role.

Please note there is no automatic right for nursery aged children to gain a reception place at the school. Parents of nursery aged children would need to apply in the normal way for admission to the primary school.

### **Do the governors and staff support the proposal?**

The governing body and staff support the proposal, as they believe the school community would benefit from lowering the entry age of pupils, so that they can access a nursery provision.

### **Will there be extra traffic and how will you reduce the impact of this?**

It is possible that there may be a small increase. We believe that many of the pupils will already have siblings in the school and therefore be travelling together. We are currently collating a 'register of interest' document which will enable us to foresee how many families will be able to walk to school.

**What are the next stages in the process?**

Responses will be received throughout the consultation period which ends on Friday 18<sup>th</sup> March 2022. These will be analysed, and the school will publish the outcome on its website.

**How can I respond to this consultation?**

If you do not have a child aged 3 or under but would like to make comment or be kept informed, please use the form on our website named '*Responses regarding a new nursery proposal for those with general views*'.

If you have a child aged 3 or under, we would very much appreciate you taking the time to complete our questionnaire via our website named '*Responses regarding a new nursery proposal for those with children aged 2, 3 and 4 years old*'.

These forms can be found on our website [www.crawleyridge.co.uk](http://www.crawleyridge.co.uk) > News and Events > Nursery Consultation

Alternatively you can email us at [school@cri.tamat.org.uk](mailto:school@cri.tamat.org.uk) or call our office team on 0127627546.

From:

| I am:                               | √ / x |
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| A parent of a child at the school   |       |
| A parent of a pre-school aged child |       |
| A close neighbour of the school     |       |
| A member of the local community     |       |
| A local faith group                 |       |
| A local community group             |       |
| Other please specify                |       |

I am in favour of Crawley Ridge Infant School lowering the age of admission to nursery to accept 2-, 3- and 4-year-olds.

YES / NO (please *delete as appropriate*)

Comments

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