



LONG MEAD

COMMUNITY PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Monday 27 January 2025

Dear Parents/Carers

Proposed change to Long Mead Community Primary School, Waveney Road, Tonbridge TN10 3JU to alter the age range to from 3-11 years to 2-11 years from 24 February 2025.

The School's Governing Body, is seeking the views of parents/carers on a proposal to permanently lower the age range of the school from 3-11 years to 2-11 years, to enable the school nursery to offer places for 2-year-olds.

This letter is part of a consultation process which opens on 27 January and closes on 21 February 2025. At the end of the consultation period a decision will be taken by Governing Body of the school whether to proceed with the proposed change of age range.

Why are we proposing the age change for the nursery?

In the school's local area, KCC have identified that there is a need for more 2-year-old nursery places. By changing our criteria to take children from their second birthday, we will be able to address this need whilst remaining within our existing capacity (a maximum of 26 children at any one time).

Where will the younger children be accommodated?

All two-year-old children will be accommodated within the existing nursery rooms and outside space. As no new building work is required, the school will look at offering places from 21 February 2025.

Parents can apply for a place via the school office when the exact start date will be confirmed.

How to give your views on the proposal?

There are a number of ways to give us your views on this proposal. Comments may be made in person or via email to the school office (office@long-mead.kent.sch.uk).

Yours sincerely

Karen Follows
Headteacher

On behalf of the Governing Body