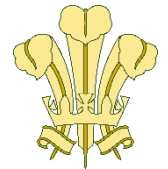




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2-Year Old Provision at Prince of Wales Primary School

Consultation on proposal to open a 5-place nursery provision for children aged 2 at Prince of Wales Primary School from September 2026

Our Proposal

Prince of Wales Primary School would like to hear your views on our proposal to open a new 5-place nursery provision for two-year-olds. In order to establish this provision, it is necessary to change the age range the school caters to from 3–11 year-olds to 2–11 year-olds. This is an exciting opportunity to expand our early years provision to better support our local community. It is proposed to extend the age range for pupils accessing the school with an Early Years expansion to include a provision for two-year-olds. Please note, there is no intention for the services currently provided by the school to change because of this proposal.

The proposed provision will be based in our existing building, within our current nursery class. There is ample space to provide a robust environment for the children with kitchen, toileting and outdoor facilities present. There are secure outdoor facilities with a separate entrance for the parents to access.

The provision will be overseen by the EYFS lead within the school and will follow statutory guidance regarding ratios and appropriate levels of qualification.

Reason for opening a Two-year-old provision

The school's senior leadership team believe that the addition of a 2-year-old Nursery will benefit the children and families within our local community through the provision of high-quality, affordable childcare and quality education for children from 2 to 11 years. Our vision is to create a school which meets the needs of the community around us. This includes high quality provision for children below school age to ensure they get the best possible start to life with the best opportunities so that they can then be successful and ready to achieve when they reach statutory school age. This facility will complement our existing Nursery which caters for children aged 3 for either 15 or 30 hours per week. As of September 2025, the government will fund 30 hours free childcare for all children from the age of 9 months. Prince of Wales endeavours to serve the community by providing high quality spaces to meet the needs within the community.

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Making it easy to make a difference

Our intention would be to offer 30 hours free childcare and then offer parents the opportunity to pay to top those hours up if they need more. This can be done using the government's Tax-Free Childcare Service. Places for the 2-year-olds would be applied for through the school who would support parents to ensure they are accessing the full entitlement for childcare.

What are the benefits of this proposal?

The main driver for the senior leaders of Prince of Wales Primary School is to meet the increased demand for provision within both our school and the wider local area. We feel our proposal would benefit young people because it will provide:

- Early identification of vulnerable families so that early help and support can be implemented more quickly.
- Early identification of SEND needs which can subsequently be addressed earlier and appropriate support put in place.
- A continuity of provision which reflects our vision and ethos.
- To better ensure a full cohort in both our existing Nursery and Reception, supporting the school financially which in turn benefits the whole school community.
- Optimal use of our facilities and capitalise on our expert knowledge of the Early Years Foundation Stage provision.
- Employment opportunities and continuing professional development for current staff.

Statutory Notices

Consultation is with schools, parents and other key local and education stakeholders. The consultation is for a six-week period from 20 July 2026 to 1 September 2026. This consultation is supported by the Governing Body. This document is part of the consultation and invites parents and stakeholders to make representations.

Representations

If you would like to make a representation in response to the notice then please email office@princeofwalesprimary.sch.uk

Yours sincerely,



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