



**OXFORDSHIRE  
COUNTY COUNCIL**

## **FULL PROPOSAL**

### **Change of Age Range at Hardwick Primary School**

Notice is given in accordance with The School Organisation (Prescribed Alterations to Maintained Schools) (England) Regulations 2013 that Oxfordshire County Council intends to make a prescribed alteration to Hardwick Primary School, Ferriston, Banbury, OX16 1XE from 01 January 2018.

The Local Authority, working with the Governing Body of the school, is proposing to alter Hardwick Primary School's age range from 4-11 to 2-11. This change will enable the school to continue the early years and childcare provision on the site, previously run separately by the Children's Centre, which has closed.

The proposal is to formally establish a Nursery offering 16 part time equivalent places for 3 and 4 year olds, and 8 part time equivalent places for two year olds.

The services proposed are already being delivered. When The Children's Centre that operated from the school site was closed as part of the Local Authority's required budgetary spending reductions, from April 2017 the school stepped in to maintain this provision and ensure continuity for local families. The provision is currently run by the school under its community powers facilities, but the governors wish to formalise the arrangement by extending the school age range and creating a nursery class.

This would be led by a qualified teacher who has recently been appointed. There is no proposed change in the provision in terms of premises and number of places available, and therefore no negative effect is predicted on other local provisions.

An informal local consultation was carried out by the governors of the school in January 2017, and there were no objections or comments received. Banbury is one of the top six areas in Oxfordshire for expansion of early education and childcare places, to meet an anticipated shortfall when the government's 30 hour childcare entitlement is implemented in September 2017.

The school has recently been rated Good by Ofsted (March 2017): the extension of its age range will help to ensure sufficiency and continuity of good quality early years education and childcare for families living in the area.

This full proposal can be viewed under the Current Consultations listings on the Oxfordshire County Council public website at <http://www.oxfordshire.gov.uk/consultation>. Copies can also be requested by contacting:

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Any person may object to or make comments (representations) on the proposed expansion by sending them to the Local Authority using the online feedback form located on the Oxfordshire County Council website as detailed above, or by email or post to the above address.

**All representations must be received by midnight on 11 October 2017.**