

# **INFORMATION FOR PROPOSALS FOR PRESCRIBED ALTERATIONS**

## **Hornsea Burton Primary School Proposal to Extend the Age Range**

### **Introduction**

Every school has a defined age range for the pupils it can have on roll. For Hornsea Burton Primary School to provide pre-school early years education for three and four year olds, the school's defined age range would have to be changed from four to 11 years to three to 11 years.

Changing the age range of a community school such as Hornsea Burton Primary School requires the local authority to undertake a statutory process for prescribed alterations, including the issuing of a public notice.

### **School and local authority details**

The proposal is published by East Riding of Yorkshire Council, County Hall, Beverley, HU17 9BA.

The school to which the proposal relates is a community school, Hornsea Burton Primary School, Hornsea Burton Road, Hornsea, East Yorkshire, HU18 1TG.

### **Implementation and any proposed stages for implementation**

The proposed change to the school's age range, if approved, will take effect from 1 March 2022. The school then intends admitting children to an Early Years Foundation Stage 1 class within the Spring Term of the 2021-22 school year.

### **Alteration description**

To allow Hornsea Burton Primary School to offer provision for Early Years Foundation Stage 1 children by extending the age range of the school from 4-11 years to 3-11 years. The school will be able to accommodate up to 15 full time equivalent three and four old children in a school nursery. The school will receive funding for these pupils each term that will contribute to the funding for the school's costs as a whole.

### **School buildings and capacity**

The current Net Capacity of the school is 119 children aged between Reception and Year 6. The Net Capacity of the school will not be affected by the proposed age range change. The Published Admission Number for first time admission to the school in Foundation Stage 2 (Reception) is currently 17, with no planned increase in space available for pupils aged between Reception and Year 6.

## **Number of pupils on roll**

At the time of publishing this proposal, there were 68 pupils on roll at Hornsea Burton Primary School in Reception and Years 1 to 6 within three classes, which leaves a significant number on unfilled spaces. The places available for existing children would not be affected by this proposed change, and the numbers of all children on roll would be expected to increase by fifteen full time equivalent three and four year old children, many from the existing families of children on roll at the school. The school would then have four classes – one for nursery and Reception aged children (a Foundation Stage unit), one for Key Stage 1 children (Years 1 and 2), one for ‘lower’ Key Stage 2 children (Years 3 and 4) and one ‘upper’ Key Stage 2 children (Years 5 and 6).

## **Objective**

The objective of the proposal is to enable the school to provide Early Years Foundation Stage 1 places at the school for three and four year old children. The proposed changes to age range would enable the school to meet local need and compensate for the loss of places following the closure of a local provider, as well as meet parental demand for places for early years provision at the school. The school has identified demand for nursery places from existing and prospective parents during the course of their informal consultations.

## **Project costs**

There are no expected capital costs associated with the proposed extension of the school’s age range. Adequate and suitable accommodation is already available on the school’s site. The school extended and improved its outdoor play area during the Autumn term for its current children but also with the hope and vision of an extension to the age range.

## **Existing early years provision**

In October 2021, the school became aware that a private nursery provider was to cease operating in December 2021, creating an urgent gap in provision for these children, including for parents of other children in attendance at the school and for children of staff at the school.

Information has been sought on the sufficiency of places in the local Hornsea area, with the data supporting the need for more places, especially considering the closure of a provider in the local area.

The ratio of the total aged 0-4 population to places, when compared to the East Riding average, can be used as a benchmark to compare areas to give an indication of sufficiency. The latest Childcare Sufficiency Assessment (June 2021) stated that Hornsea was an area in which there are more than the East Riding average of 2.5 children per childcare place during term-time and 3.1 children per childcare place in school holidays. The same statement also showed that Hornsea will likely have a higher deficit of places in the future and that in Hornsea there are very few childminders.

Additionally, some larger scale local providers have already expressed the view that they are very likely to be full for the 2021-22 Spring term, and what existing provision there is in the area is of

a much smaller scale and has been for several years, meaning their capacity to expand is either unlikely due to space or because of historically choosing not to.

## **Proposed provision at Hornsea Burton Primary School**

With the extended age range, the Foundation Stage 1 provision at the school will provide up to 15 places per session for children aged three and four years old. There will be 10 sessions a week lasting 3 hours per session. There will be some flexibility for parents in the choice and number of sessions their children attend.

The accommodation and facilities for the proposed pre-school provision are on the school's site and meet the current national standards. The accommodation will be accessible and suitable for any disabled pupils.

The Foundation Stage 1 provision at the school will be staffed on a 1:8 staff to pupil ratio, that is envisaged to be a class teacher within the room where Foundation Stage 1 and Foundation Stage 2 children will be together. There will also be a full-time nursery nurse and a full-time level 1 Teaching Assistant. All staffing will be in line with statutory ratios for children of this age range. The dedicated Foundation Stage staff will also be supported by other school staff, as necessary, including qualified teachers, teaching assistants, nursery nurses and support staff.

## **Consultation and responses**

Although there is no longer a statutory 'pre-publication' consultation period for prescribed alteration changes, a short consultation exercise was carried out by Hornsea Burton Primary School during November 2021.

The school received 8 responses to the consultation, all of which were positive. These were from the parents of current and prospective pupils.

## **Published Proposal - objections and comments**

The Public Notice will be issued on 13 January 2022 in accordance with the School Organisation (Prescribed Alterations to Maintained Schools) (England) Regulations 2013. The period for representations and objections will run from 11 January 2022 to 11 February 2022. After the closing date for representations and objections, the proposal, along with all comments received, will be submitted to East Riding of Yorkshire Council for determination.

Objections or comments should be sent by email to [schoolorganisation@eastriding.gov.uk](mailto:schoolorganisation@eastriding.gov.uk) or by post to the School Organisation Officer, School Admissions and School Organisation Team, East Riding of Yorkshire Council, County Hall, Beverley, HU17 9BA.

This document has been distributed to key stakeholders including parents, staff, neighbouring schools and local pre-school providers, local elected members and the local MP.