



# Midsomer Norton Schools Partnership

10th March 2022

Dear Sir/Madam

**RE: Formal consultation to open an onsite nursery at St Mary's Primary School expanding St Mary's Primary School age range from 4-11 to 2-11 to include a pre-school nursery from July 2022.**

I am writing to inform you that it is our intention to seek permission to extend the age range of St Mary's Primary School from 4-11 to 2-11. This would mean that St Mary's Primary School would be able to better support the local community it serves.

The reasons for making this application to the Regional School Commissioner are as follows;

- 1) Timsbury Pre-School have formally requested that the existing nursery becomes a part of the school setting. Both the nursery and the school feel provision for pupils will greatly improve through the sharing of good practice and access to the high quality resources in place at the school.
- 2) Existing parents of St Mary's Primary School are supportive of a school nursery on site. Siblings of children attending the school will benefit from the rich environment offered to children at St Mary's Primary School.
- 3) The school vision is to offer education from 2-11 across the school, where children in nursery have a seamless transition into school and are more school ready when entering Reception.
- 4) High quality nursery provision is limited within the local area, many parents travel to nurseries beyond Timsbury. Often these nurseries are expensive and not affordable for all parents who need this provision.
- 5) Travelling to other nurseries outside the area increases traffic in Timsbury, provision at school can be accessed through walking to the school for many families within the local area.
- 6) MSNP have a wealth of experience in running nurseries, we are aware of historical factors which impact on the development of early language skills. We feel we are well equipped to support children with early language interventions delivered by our experienced staff.
- 7) We are aware of the needs of working parents and feel by taking the nursery in house we can provide better provision for parents at Timsbury School. By offering such a provision it would enable the school to consult with parents about the viability of wrapped around care.

It is our intention to submit a Significant Difference Application to the Regional Schools' Commissioner for the age-range change from 4-11 to 2-11 and we would welcome your views on the proposal. The consultation is open from 3rd March and closes formally on 21st April, 2022.

To take part in the consultation please paste the link below into the browser. <https://forms.gle/D17XB56mt3nKM5rn6>

If you should have any other queries or concerns, please submit these in writing to Sharon Crane – Trust PA, C/O Norton Hill Primary School, Silver Street, Midsomer Norton, BA3 2UD. Alternatively, you can email us at [scrane@msnpartnership.com](mailto:scrane@msnpartnership.com)

Yours sincerely

  
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