

6th June 2019

Dear Parents /Carers and members of the community.

As many of you will be aware, at the start of this academic year we began an informal process to gather opinions regarding early years education in the Madeley community. We received very positive feedback regarding the need for further provision from 2 years upwards. Since then, The Shaw Education Trust has been actively exploring various options. We are now at the stage where the formal consultation process can begin and we can share our exciting proposal with the community.

The Shaw Education Trust is proposing a change to the age range of The Meadows Primary School from 4-11 to 2-11. As part of the process we would like to hear your views on the proposal. The consultation process begins today, the 6th June and will run for a period of 6 weeks, closing on Thursday 18th July.

As the school's location prevents further extension, the provision for 2-4 year olds would be in a new purpose built, self-contained building, with an outdoor learning environment at Madeley School. The staff at the nursery would be employed by The Meadows and the provision would be very much part of our current, highly successful school family.

The nursery will operate for 50 weeks per year, rather than restricted to term time only. This is in response to the known demand of families. Parents will be able to claim their fully funded hours, with the option of extended hours and wrap-around care at a very competitive rate.

Why are we proposing this change?

- The Meadows will be able to provide for our families and people in the local community who have 2 and 3 year olds. There is currently no existing provision for 2 year olds in Madeley and provision for 3 year olds is limited to term time only.

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The Meadows
Primary School



We believe, you achieve

- Parents will be able to claim their 15/30 hours funded nursery entitlement.
- Parents who wish their children to come to The Meadows will not have to move them from another nursery. This will mean a smoother transition into Reception.
- Nursery provision for 3 year olds will raise the standards of the children entering our Reception class, giving the children the very best starting point.

The issue of this document marks the beginning of a period of formal consultation during which the views of any interested parties are sought. Having considered your views, the Trustees of the Trust will then decide whether or not to move to the next stage in bringing about the change of age range. This will involve making a formal application to the Department for Education. If the proposal is approved, then the nursery will open in the autumn term 2019. Further updates following this period of consultation will be published on the school website:

www.meadowsprimary.co.uk

Any comments you have on the proposed nursery provision should be made directly to the school on the following email address:

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Yours sincerely,

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