

# Adderley Nursery School

## Proposal to alter the age range

October 2025



## Introduction

Birmingham City Council (the Council), as the Local Authority for Birmingham, is consulting on a proposal to:

- Alter the lower age limit from 2 years to become 9 months
- Effective from 1<sup>st</sup> April 2026

<b>Type:</b>	Local Authority Maintained Nursery School		
<b>Name:</b>	Adderley Nursery School	<b>DFE:</b>	330/1027
<b>Address:</b>	1 St. Saviours Road, Saltley, Birmingham, B8 1HN		
<b>Ward:</b>	Alum Rock	<b>Constituency:</b>	Ladywood
<b>Age Range:</b>	2-5	<b>Sixth Form:</b>	NA
<b>Gender:</b>	Mixed	<b>Capacity:</b>	138 FTE
<b>Last Ofsted:</b>	April 2023	<b>Ofsted Rating</b>	Outstanding

## Why do we want to do this?

### Background:

The school currently has 138 FTE places for early years provision which starts at 2 years old, with an operational PAN of 104 FTE. Due to the government initiative and the expansion of the working families' childcare offer, the 30 hours entitlement is now available for children aged 9 months onwards from April 2025.

The Governing Body of Adderley Nursery School have agreed to consult on the proposal to extend the nursery provision to include children from 9 months of age.

The key reasons for this decision include:

1. **Increasing Demand for Infant Childcare:** Families within the local area have expressed the need for earlier childcare support, particularly for working parents requiring childcare from infancy.
2. **Enhanced Early Years Development:** Research supports the benefits of structured early learning from infancy, providing children with a strong foundation for future education.
3. **Optimised Use of Resources:** The school has the capacity to accommodate younger children without disrupting existing provisions.
4. **Financial Viability:** Expanding the nursery age range is expected to increase enrolment, ensuring long-term financial sustainability.

### Why has this school been chosen / identified?

Currently some children attend for one year and others for two years. The proposed changes will enable younger children to join the school and allow parents to have the option of continuity of childcare from just one provider before their child makes the transition to primary school.



**Evidence of Demand:**

Since the working family entitlement came in for 2-year-olds, the school has had an increase in pupil places from summer 2024 onwards. Several enquiries have been received with regard to under 2-year-olds since the entitlement changed.

**Impact on families and pupils**

Parents will need to apply as per the normal admission process. Current pupils may notice the small increase to the total number of pupils at the School, but this will remain within the commissioned number of places for the setting.

**Impact on the education of pupils in the area**

There will be minimal impact on other nurseries within the area.

**How will this impact on staff**

Generally, staff will be unaffected and may experience more opportunities for professional development. If this proposal is approved, any impact on terms and conditions would be with full consultation with Trade Unions / Professional Associations.

**Will there be changes to the school building?**

There will be no changes to the building required to accommodate the proposed additional provision within the current school buildings, some minor refurbishment of the areas will be required.

**What are the project costs for this proposal and how is it funded?**

There are no building project costs associated with this proposal as the current spaces can accommodate the additional numbers. Any refurbishment costs will be paid for from the school's budget.

As there are no additional spaces required to accommodate the proposal, any costs associated with reconfiguring the current spaces will be the responsibility of the school.

**Will this definitely happen?**

Following this consultation, the proposal will be presented to the Council's Cabinet Member for Children, Young People and Families as they are the decision maker for this type of proposal.



### **Consultation Period**

The consultation period will run until 21 November 2025.

*Stakeholders are encouraged to comment during this period. The comments from this period of the consultation are presented to the decision maker.*

### **Decision**

It is only after a decision has been made that we will be able to say with certainty whether the proposal will be implemented. The decision maker is Birmingham City Council's Cabinet Member for Children, Young People and Families.

**The decision will be published in February 2026.**

### **What will happen if this proposal is rejected?**

If the proposed change to the age range is not approved for implementation, the school will continue to operate at the age range of 2-5 years old.

### **How do I comment on this proposal?**

We invite all interested parties to give us their comment on this proposal.

**Any comments must be received no later than 21 November 2025**

\*You can comment online via:

<https://www.birminghambeheard.org.uk/people-1/adderleynurserysot1010221>

You can write to us at:

Birmingham City Council,  
School Organisation Team,  
PO Box 15843,  
Birmingham, B2 2RT

Or by email: [ediproperty@birmingham.gov.uk](mailto:ediproperty@birmingham.gov.uk)

### **What happens next?**

The dates set out below meet the government requirements for us to consult fully with the people affected by the proposal [\*some dates are indicative].



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**Key dates**

Action	Date
Start consultation period	13 <sup>th</sup> October 2025
Finish consultation period	21 <sup>st</sup> November 2025
Final decision	February 2026
Changes implemented	1 <sup>st</sup> April 2026

**Groups consulted:**

Adderley Nursery School governors, staff, parents / carers and pupils  
Birmingham City Council colleagues and services  
NHS partners  
Local Councillor(s)  
Member(s) of Parliament  
Birmingham Schools  
Local Archdiocese  
Other / Neighbouring Local Authorities  
Trade Unions / Professional Associations



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Thank you for taking the time to send us your thoughts on this proposal.

**Consultation Response Form**

**Proposal**

Please help us to analyse your response by completing the following:

Your name (optional): \_\_\_\_\_

Your contact details (optional):  
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Are you in favour of the proposal (please select one answer)?

<b>Yes</b>	<b>No</b>	<b>Neither / Don't know</b>
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What type of stakeholder are you (please select one answer)?

Pupil	
Parent / Carer of pupil	
School Governor	
School Staff	
Local Resident	
Local Councillor	
Member of Parliament	
Other (please describe)	

Please provide your comments on the proposal.  
(Continue on additional page, as required.)

