



Full Proposal Document

Colebourne Primary School

Proposal to alter the age range to add nursery provision.

Introduction

Birmingham City Council, as the Local Authority for Birmingham, in collaboration with the school, is consulting on the following changes to Colebourne Primary School (a community school).

School Information

Type:	Community School (Local Authority Maintained)		
Name:	Colebourne Primary School	DFE:	2185
Address:	Stechford Road, Birmingham B34 6BJ.		
Ward:	Bromford & Hodge Hill	District:	Hodge Hill
Age Range:	4 – 11 years	Capacity:	403
Last Ofsted:	April 2015	Ofsted Rating	Good

What changes are proposed?

We are proposing to carry out the following changes to Colebourne Primary School:

- Alter the lower age limit from 4 years to become 3 years;
- This would change the age range of the school to be 3 – 11 years.
- This would result in the addition of nursery provision.
- It is proposed that 26 full time equivalent places for pupils aged 3 years will be available in the nursery class with effect from 1st September 2019.
- The nursery will be accommodated in refurbished space within the existing school building(s)

Why do we want to do this?

The Local Authority (LA) has a duty to ensure there is sufficient early education and childcare provision in Birmingham.

The Local Authority - Early Years and Childcare (EYC) team have been collaborating with Colebourne Primary School for several years to explore nursery provision on the school site. After exploring the feasibility of different delivery options, the school and LA concluded that a proposal to add a nursery class under the governance of the Governing Body of the school is the preferred option.

The EYC team are in support of the schools request to add nursery provision on site, based on the location of the school, the need for good quality places and confidence in the schools ability to delivery good quality provision.

Evidence of Demand:

The school is located in the Bromford & Hodge Hill ward of the city. In the last “Early Education and Childcare Sufficiency Assessment” (spring 2019), this ward shows as an over-supply of part time equivalent (pte) places.

Although there is sufficient supply of provision in the ward, the area would benefit from an increase in “good” quality provision. The quality of provision in the Bromford & Hodge Hill ward, against the “Good Level of Development” (GLD) measure is 65.52% of children achieve GLD. The national expectation is 71.5% and the Birmingham average is 67.7%. Colebourne Primary School currently measure 70% of children achieve GLD.

Colebourne achieved a higher level of GLD than the ward average and the Birmingham average but slightly less than the national average. This is a positive level as this is achieved without having on-site nursery class and working with children joining their reception class from 20 different childcare providers, which can create a significant challenge.

During engagement with families, the school have recorded interest for up to 40 places from parents and families in the area.

The addition of nursery provision at Colebourne Primary School would provide significant benefits for the children attending and address the demand for good quality provision in the area.

When will these changes happen?

If the proposal is approved by the decision makers at Birmingham City Council, it is intended that the proposal will be implemented from **1st September 2019**.

Will there be any effect on other schools, academies and educational institutions within the area?

Other nursery providers in the area may find that they continue to have unfilled places due to the over-supply. The addition of nursery provision at the school will not impact the sufficiency of Reception places in the area.

How will this affect pupils at the school?

Prospective pupils of the school may benefit from attending on-site nursery provision. This may provide opportunities for children to attend nursery at the same school site as older siblings attending the primary school.

Note: The admission arrangements of the school are not affected by this proposal. The admission number for Reception will remain at 60. Attendance at the nursery provision will not give pupils any priority to admission into the school's Reception.

How will this affect staff?

The addition of nursery provision may provide existing staff with increased opportunity of professional development. Any changes to existing terms and conditions of staff will be with full consultation with the trading unions and teaching associations.

Will there be changes to the school building?

There will be no enlargement of the premises to accommodate the nursery provision. The LA will support refurbishment costs to provide space in the existing building.

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

The LA has committed up to £125,000 in support of refurbishment works. The revenue running costs of the new nursery class would be covered from the income

generated by Early Education Entitlement (EEE) funding on a termly basis and based on actual eligible 3 and 4 year old children attending the nursery class.

Will this definitely happen?

No, there is a statutory process we must follow to make these sorts of changes to schools.

This document is the full proposal for statutory public consultation, referred to as “the representation period”. All comments we receive during that period will be anonymised and forwarded to the decision makers for consideration. Within two months of the end of the representation period, Birmingham City Council’s Cabinet Member for Education, Skills and Culture, jointly with the Director of Education and Skills, will make a decision.

It is only after the decision that we will be able to say with certainty whether or not the proposal will be implemented. A letter will be sent to the Governing Body and Head Teacher to notify them of the decision. The school will share the decision with families and staff of the school and interested parties. The decision will also be published on the consultation webpage in the details below.

What will happen if this proposal is rejected?

If this proposal is rejected, Colebourne Primary School will continue to have an age range of 4 to 11 years; and would not offer nursery provision.

Alternative solutions to the demand for good quality nursery provision would need to be explored to meet the local need.

How can I make my views known?

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

Any comments must be received between 9th May and 5th June 2019 (midnight.)

You can submit your written comments via the following methods:

- Online survey: <https://www.birminghambeheard.org.uk/people-1/colebourne>
- By email (with Colebourne in the subject): eds.enquiries@birmingham.gov.uk
- Using the attached form or by letter to:
School Organisation Team – Education Infrastructure
Birmingham City Council
PO Box 15843
Birmingham B2 2RT

What happens next?

The dates set out below meet the government requirements for us to consult fully with the people affected by the proposal.

Key dates

Action	Date
Statutory notice to be published	9 th May 2019
Beginning of 4 week consultation period	9 th May 2019
End of 4 week consultation period	5 th June 2019
Final decision to be made no later than	5 th August 2019
Changes implemented	1 st September 2019

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Change the age range of Colebourne Primary School to add nursery provision

Consultation Response Form

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

Your name (optional*): _____

Your contact details (optional, if you would like a reply*)

Are you in favour of the proposal? **Yes/No/Don't Know**

Your interest in the proposal (please indicate one of the below):

Pupil	
Parent	
School Governor	
School Staff	
Local Resident	
Local Councillor	
Member of Parliament	
Other (please specify)	

Your comments:

*Personal details are used by Birmingham City Council for the purpose of this consultation only. Your details are not shared publicly or with any other organisation or company.