



Full Proposal Document

New Hall Primary School

Proposal to alter the age range to remove nursery provision.

Introduction

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

School Information

Type:	Community School (Local Authority Maintained)		
Name:	New Hall Primary School	DFE:	3302469
Address:	Langley Hall Drive, Sutton Coldfield, West Midlands B75 7NQ		
Ward:	Sutton Reddicap	District:	Sutton
Age Range:	3 – 11 years	Capacity:	315(+ Nursery)
Last Ofsted:	October 2017	Ofsted Rating	Good

Nursery Capacity:

Capacity of nursery provision:	104 (part time equivalent)
Full time equivalent:	52
Current nursery attendance:	0 (September 2019)

What changes are proposed?

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

- Alter the lower age limit from 3 years to become 4 years;
- This would change the age range of the school to be 4 – 11 years.
- This would result in the removal of nursery provision.

Why do we want to do this?

The number attending the nursery at the school has been lower in recent years. This is due to there being a large supply of nursery provision in the local area. Last year and in previous years, the nursery had been operating at approximately 26% capacity. This year, September 2019, there are currently no children on roll in the nursery. This has financial implications as the cost of providing the nursery is more than the amount of money received. Nurseries operating with a large number of unfilled places can be a risk to the financial viability and sustainability of the nursery which can impact the budget of the school. If the school experiences financial deficit, this can impact on staffing, standards and attainment and affect the performance of the school. The proposed change will support the school to focus their time and finances on Key stage 1 and 2 (infant and junior phases).

Evidence of Demand:

Sutton Reddicap

There is an over-supply of 49 Early Education and Childcare provision (0 to 4 age range) in the Sutton Reddicap ward in which New Hall Primary School is situated.

Sutton Coldfield District

There is an oversupply of 873 places across Sutton Coldfield as a whole which includes Walmley, Minworth, Roughley and Trinity wards as well as Reddicap. In addition to the number of nursery places within Sutton, there are also a number of local private, voluntary and independent childcare providers within the local 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 **31st December 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 have increased applications. There is sufficient provision to accommodate the local need.

How will this affect pupils at the school?

There are no safeguarding concerns for any of the pupils that may be affected. There are currently no pupils on roll in the nursery class at the school.

How will this affect staff?

There will be no staff reductions. The nursery staff will be redeployed within the school to alternative roles of the same grade. There will be no change to the terms and conditions of the staff.

Will there be changes to the school building?

There is no building work needed for this proposal. The current nursery space will continue to be available and used by for breakfast and before and after school clubs.

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

There are no project costs associated with this proposal. The nursery provision is currently funded through Early Education Entitlement funding for eligible 3 and 4 year olds based on actual termly attendance. It is intended that the removal of nursery provision from the school would provide savings and would avoid any pressure on the whole school budget.

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. 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, New Hall Primary School will continue to have an age range of 3 to 11 years; and continue to offer nursery provision.

Alternative solutions to the sustainability of the nursery provision would need to be explored to relieve any financial pressure this causes to the school budget.

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 12th September and 10th October 2019.

You can submit your written comments via the following methods:

- Online survey: <https://www.birminghambeheard.org.uk/people-1/newhall>
- By email (with New Hall 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	12 th September 2019
Beginning of 4 week consultation period	12 th September 2019
End of 4 week consultation period	10 th October 2019
Final decision to be made no later than	10 th December 2019
Changes implemented	31 st December 2019

Proposal to:

Change the age range of New Hall Primary School to remove 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*)

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.