



22nd March 2021

Dear Parents and Community Members

Invitation to attend an information and consultation open community meeting on the proposals for The New Forest Primary School to add a nursery class from September 2021

We are writing to let you know, that after an approach from Nomansland Pre School at the start of this year, we have engaged in discussions for the pre-school to transfer into the New Forest Primary School, creating a new nursery on the Landford site. This means that we will be extending the age range of the school, making it possible for children from the age of 2 years to attend. We think this an exciting opportunity to develop the good pre-school provision that already exists in our community and to secure its future.

By September the Key Stage 1 site at Landford will have been transformed with the completion of a new building and some associated landscaping. This new provision allows us to create space for a nursery in an existing modern building, together with the development of some wonderful outdoor, free flow learning spaces for both the reception and nursery children. We want to provide the best opportunities we can for the very youngest children and we are excited about this prospect. We expect the current pre-school staff to transfer to the new provision in September, along with the children who currently attend.

We want to hear your views on our proposal and would like to provide you with as much information as possible. We have therefore arranged to hold an open community information meeting to share our plans with you, listen to your thoughts and answer your questions. The meeting will be held on Wednesday 21st April at 7pm via Zoom. The link for the meeting is here:

<https://zoom.us/j/93649034677?pwd=L1R4VEIzMi9UdkJ5c0F6dUhzV2JLZz09>

What happens next? We intend to apply to the Department for Education for a significant change to the age range of The New Forest Primary School but before we do that we want to consult with our stakeholders. We are now entering a consultation period running from 22nd March until 23rd April. During this period, we will be consulting with parents/carers, pupils, staff, unions, governors, the Diocese, the local community, including churches where appropriate and other local schools.

Should you have any comments or queries then please e-mail Lynne Carley lcarley@magnalearningpartnership.org.uk by 23rd April or write to our Chair of Governors at The New Forest Primary School c/o Emma Coleman governors@thenewforestschoo.wilts.sch.uk

We will publish and update a Frequently Asked Questions section on both the school's and the pre-school's website including any questions or concerns that might emerge during the consultation phase.

We are mindful of our public sector equality duty arising from the Equality Act 2010 and will develop our proposals to mitigate the likelihood of any adverse impact. If you are, or become, aware during this consultation process of any impact on members of the school or pre-school community who share a relevant protected characteristic (e.g. age; disability; gender re-assignment; pregnancy and maternity; race; religion or belief; sex; and sexual orientation) then please contact us.

We look forward to coming together and hope you are able to join us for the meeting on 21st April.

Yours sincerely



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