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Dear Parents, Carers and Stakeholders

Consultation on Proposal to Change the School's Age of Admission

I am writing to inform you of a proposal by the Governing Board of Twyford C of E School to change the school's age of admission. This letter serves as formal notice of a consultation regarding the proposed change.

Proposal

The Governing Board is proposing to lower the age of admission to the school from 3 years to 2 years old. If approved, this change will take effect from **5th January 2026**.

The formal consultation period will run for **6 weeks**, beginning on **Monday 3rd November 2025** and ending on **Monday 15th December 2025**.

What is the benefit of this proposal?

Introducing a provision for 2-year olds will allow us to offer early education to children at a critical stage of their development. Early access to high-quality learning can improve long-term outcomes for children, particularly in areas such as language development, social interaction, and school readiness. The proposed move will provide greater flexibility and support for families in our community and provide further sustainability of our small school.

What will this mean?

This change will mean that the school will begin accepting eligible children from the age of 2, depending on available places. These children will join our excellent Early Years provision led by experienced Early Years practitioners and tailored to meet the developmental needs of younger learners. It is our intention to extend the current setting and provide an additional tailor-made space for these younger children to access age appropriate learning opportunities.

Do staff and Governors support this proposal?

Both staff and Governing Board recognise the educational and community benefits of expanding our early years provision.

Will the proposal disrupt the education of pupils currently at the school?

No, we will be offering a mixed age range within our existing Early Years setting. While the 2-year olds will have a designated area and key adults allocated specifically to them, they will also have regular opportunities to free-flow and interact within the existing Early Years setting during carefully planned times throughout the day. These interactions will be fully supported by staff to ensure they are appropriate and beneficial for all age groups.



This mixed provision model is one which we use throughout the school with mixed classes in both Key Stage One and Two. Our current Early Years setting is also formed of mixed ages with our Nursery and Reception pupils accessing the provision. This provision is thoughtfully planned and resourced to maintain high-quality experiences for all children, in addition, staffing and space are organised to meet the needs and required ratios of each age group.

It is our intention to renovate and adapt an adjacent classroom to be used as the designated area for the 2-year olds, however, any building works or structural changes to the school site that are likely to cause disruption will be planned during school holidays.

Why are we consulting now?

We are consulting now to allow sufficient time for feedback and planning, ensuring that all necessary arrangements — including staffing, resources, and space allocation — are made well in advance of the proposed start date in 5th January 2026. This also allows for transparency and community input before any final decisions are made.

Will there be extra traffic and how will the impact be reduced?

It is highly unlikely that a significant increase in traffic will arise due to this proposal as most of the 2-year olds will be made up of siblings of current Twyford C of E School pupils. We also operate staggered start and finish times for our nursery pupils in order to support traffic management through the village. These staggered times will remain in place.

Will the proposal have any impact on admission to the school's Reception class?

No. Admission to the Reception class will continue to follow the local authority's admission arrangements and criteria. Attendance at our nursery will **not** guarantee a place in Reception, and parents will still need to apply through the standard admissions process.

What are the next stages in the process?

Following the close of the consultation at **09:00 on 15th December 2025**, all feedback will be reviewed by the Governing Board. A final decision will then be made and communicated to all stakeholders. If approved, preparations will begin for the phased introduction of the 2-year-old provision in January 2026.

How can I respond to this consultation?

We welcome your views on this proposal and encourage you to share them with us. Please complete the attached consultation response form, along with any additional comments, to **office@twyford.bucks.sch.uk**, addressed to Mr Sam Thompson, Headteacher or complete the online form, [Online Response](#)

If you have any further questions or require clarification, please do not hesitate to contact Mrs Julie Hall (School Business Manager) or Mr Sam Thompson (Headteacher) via the email address above.

Thank you for your interest.

Yours sincerely

Twyford C of E School Governing Body



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Response to Proposal for Age Admission Change at Twyford C of E School

To the Governing Board of Twyford C of E School

Name: _____ (please print)

Please tick all that apply:

- ☐ I am a parent or guardian of a child at Twyford C of E School
- ☐ I am a close neighbour to the school / nursery
- ☐ I am a staff member or a governor of Twyford C of E School
- ☐ Other (please specify): _____

Please indicate your views on the proposed change:

I am in favour of Twyford C of E School changing its age of admission from 3 to 2 years of age

☐ Yes ☐ No

I am NOT in favour of Twyford C of E School changing its age of admission from 3 to 2 years of age

☐ Yes ☐ No

If you have selected 'No', please provide your comments or reasons below:



If you have any further comments, please share them below:

If you would like further information, please provide your email address to enable us to contact you.

Thank you for responding.