

PROPOSALS TO CHANGE THE AGE RANGE OF CHERITON FITZPAINE AND NEWTON ST CYRES PRIMARY SCHOOLS

School and LA details:

1. Education Authority: Devon County Council, County Hall, Topsham Road, Exeter, Devon, EX2 4QD.
2. Newton St Cyres (Community) Primary School, Station Road, Newton St Cyres, Exeter, Devon, EX5 5DL
3. Cheriton Fitzpaine (Community) Primary School, Cheriton Fitzpaine, Crediton, Devon, EX17 4AN

Description of alteration

The proposals are to:

Lower the age range of Newton St Cyres Primary School from 4-11 to 2-11 from 1 April 2019 and;

Lower the age range of Cheriton Fitzpaine Primary School from 4-11 to 2-11 from 1 April 2019.

Both of the schools are Community schools and part of The Exe Valley Federation.

Evidence of demand

Both Newton St Cyres and Cheriton Fitzpaine Primary Schools currently have Governor-run pre-schools on their respective sites.

These proposals are concerned with the Governor run pre-schools becoming part of their respective schools rather than operating as extended services. The pre-schools will become Nursery Classes which will be organised as Foundation Stage Units within their school, each led by a qualified teacher. If the proposal is approved, funding will be paid into the main school budget, the early year's staff will be employed directly by the school and the children currently in the pre-school will be registered on the school roll. This means the school must add those children to the school census. Parents will still need to make a separate application to DCC for a place in the reception class.

Objectives

Extending the age range of the schools will allow children to attend their local early years provision. Both existing pre-schools are experiencing fluctuating numbers and this is the most cost effective model of maintaining pre-school provision in the community.

Education standards

Newton St Cyres Primary School is a Good school (Ofsted July 2018). Cheriton Fitzpaine Primary School is a Good school (Ofsted June 2017). Inspection reports are available via: www.ofsted.gov.uk

The effect on other Schools, Academies and educational institutions in the area:

Pre-schools already exist on both school sites and converting to a nursery is unlikely to have a negative effect on other providers in the area.

Project Costs

The Exe Valley Federation has confirmed that no capital will be required.

Implementation and any proposed stages for implementation

The proposals, if approved, will be implemented from 1 April 2019.

Effect on existing pupils

There is already provision for pre-schools on both school sites and converting the provision to a Nursery will not affect existing pupils.

Consultation

The consultation was held from 28 January 2019 to 25 February 2019. Two public meetings were held and responses recorded. There were 8 written responses.

Response to Brief Notice

You can object to or comment on the proposals by:

Email: schoolconsultations@devon.gov.uk

Writing to: Strategic Planning Children's Services, Lucombe House, Room AB2, Devon County Council, County Hall, Topsham Road, Exeter, EX2 4QD.

by the **closing date of Friday 29 March 2019.**