



Consultation on the proposed discontinuance of nursery provision for 2 year olds and raising of the lower age range from 2-11 to 3-11 Years at Northgate Primary School, Great Yarmouth

Introduction

Northgate Primary School is an Academy within Kingfisher Schools Trust, with nursery provision, known as 'Sunflowers', commencing at the age of 2 years.

Kingfisher Schools Trust are unfortunately having to propose to discontinue the provision of nursery places for 2 year olds at the school and change the age range from 2-11 years to 3-11 years from 1 September 2024, due to physical capacity issues.

This consultation will run for **4 weeks from Monday 10th June 2024 to Friday 5th July 2024**. Kingfisher Schools Trust will then consider all comments received during the consultation period. They will then analyse all responses received during the consultation and then decide whether to proceed with a significant change request to the DfE with a view to changing the age range.

We will consult with all relevant stakeholders as required by law, when proposing these changes.

Why are we proposing this change

Due to physical capacity issues within the school, the nursery setting will be unable to accommodate 2-year-olds in September 2024. The nursery usually takes a maximum of eight 2-year-olds in September each year. The Nursery also provides 24 places for 3- and 4-year-olds. These places are not affected by this proposal. The school was rated Good by Ofsted in July 2018.

The Trust had already anticipated a building capacity issue in September 2024 and submitted a planning application for a modular building to accommodate a new intake, however this request was declined as the proposed site is on a flood plain. In order to agree nursery provision for September 2024 we now need to reconsider arrangements as soon as possible.

The proposed change will mean that parents who wanted their 2-year-old children to attend the school's nursery from September 2024 will have to choose an alternative early years provider.

Children and parents/carers already accessing the nursery will not be affected by this change. They can still claim their funded entitlement per week for early years education. The early years education and preparation for starting school will continue as it does now.

The Trust and headteacher at Northgate Primary will continue to manage the nursery, as they do now.

What impact will the changes have

- The Nursery will continue to be able to offer spaces for children aged 3-4 years.
- Other providers in the area are able to offer two-year-old children spaces from September 2024.
- The Trust intends to review the age range they offer at Northgate Primary School in the future if the planning position changes with a view to reinstating places for 2-year-olds.

The earliest this change could happen is 1st September 2024.

How can you have your say

Come and talk to us - There will be a meeting for parents/carers and other interested members of the community at 9.15am on Tuesday 11th June 2024 at Northgate Primary School.

We would like to hear your views on our proposal and you can do this by;

- accessing our online survey: <https://norfolk.citizenspace.com/childrens-services/northgateprimary>
- or emailing schoolreview@norfolk.gov.uk
- or writing to School Organisation Team, FREEPOST IH 2076, Floor 8 (Bay 34), County Hall, Martineau Lane, Norwich, NR1 2BR,

What happens next?

- Kingfisher Schools Trust will consider all the responses received during this consultation and decide whether to complete a business case and send it to the Regional Director for a decision.

We need all responses by 5 July 2024.



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Let us know what you think of our proposal.

How far do you agree or disagree with our proposal to discontinue nursery provision for 2 year olds and to change the age range of Northgate Primary and Nursery School from 2-11 to 3-11 years?
Please tick a box.

Strongly Agree Agree Neither agree or disagree

Disagree Strongly Disagree Don't know

Why do you say this? Please write in the box below.

Are there any other comments or suggestions you would like to make to help us with this decision and in planning for the future provision of the children?
Please write in the box below.

We would like to hear from many different people as your views help us to decide whether or not we make these changes. We will also use any personal information to understand how different groups of people feel about our proposal to change the age range at Northgate Primary and Nursery.

We will process any personal information we receive from you in line with the General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) (Regulation (EU) 2016/679), the Data Protection Act 2018 and Norfolk County Council's data protection policy and guidelines. This means that Norfolk County Council will hold your personal data and only use it for the purpose for which it was collected, being this consultation.

We won't identify individuals when reporting back our findings and under our record management policy we will keep this information for five years. We will also, under normal circumstances, not pass your personal data on to anyone else. However, we may be asked under access to information laws to publish or disclose some, or all, of the information you provide in response to this consultation, including any personal information. We will only do this where such disclosure will comply with such relevant information laws which include the Freedom of Information Act 2000, the Data Protection Act 2018 and the Environmental Information Regulations 2004.

Please tell us who you are, (tick all that apply):

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Pupil | <input type="checkbox"/> School governor |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Parent / Carer/ Guardian | <input type="checkbox"/> Local resident |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Member of the Parent Teacher Association | <input type="checkbox"/> Local business |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Member of staff | <input type="checkbox"/> Local sports group |
| | <input type="checkbox"/> Local community group |

Other (please specify): _____

At which school? _____

What is your postcode? _____

Your views will help us decide if this proposal goes ahead. You can tell us your views by:

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This consultation ends on 5th July 2024