



WESTON TURVILLE CHURCH OF ENGLAND SCHOOL

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Introduction of a Nursery Class at Weston Turville Church of England School Consultation 24th February – 6th April 2020

Weston Turville Church of England School is an OFSTED rated 'good' school for pupils aged 4 to 11. The school is a single form entry primary school and currently admits pupils into the Reception Class each September.

The School would like to open a new Nursery class providing up to 16 morning, 16 lunch time and 16 afternoon high-quality places for the 'Rising 4' age group. The setting would run for 38 weeks per year in line with school term times and dates; it is likely that sessions would be from 08.30 – 11.30 and from 12.30 – 15.30 with an optional lunch time club from 11.30-12.30.

There is a great deal still to consider in relation to the proposal and we are very interested in finding out the views of our local community. Ideally, if the response is positive, we would seek to open the new Nursery class at the start of the Summer term (starting 21st April 2020) in line with the Department of Education's (DfE) Section 27 regulations. **We are seeking responses to this consultation by 6th April 2020, either by sending the attached response form to the Weston Turville CE School office, or via email to office@westonturville.bucks.sch.uk**

We appreciate that you may have questions on the proposal and have tried to answer some of these below:

Why are we proposing to open a Nursery setting?

Topsy Turvy Pre-school is our local pre-school located next door in the Village Hall but is unfortunately closing at the end of the Spring term. We believe that there is still a local need for places for 3 and 4 year olds and that it is positive for the local community to have a centre of excellence delivering early years education. Nursery provision at Weston Turville would fit in well with our school ethos, especially as a combined school providing straight-through education up to 11 years.

What will be the age-range that you are proposing to accept?

We would like to open Nursery provision for the 'Rising 4's' age group, which refers to children who are 3 or 4. They will be able to attend our setting from the September after they turn 3 for the year prior to starting in Reception.

Do staff and governors support the proposal?

Yes, the Governing Body and staff at Weston Turville CE School positively support the proposal as they believe it would benefit current and future pupils and the local community. The Nursery class would be run under the DfE's Section 27 regulations and overseen by a board of governors and staff.

Why are we consulting now?

We are keen to understand the views of our local community on this proposal and so, as per best practice recommended by the DfE, we have incorporated a period of consultation into the decision making process. The consultation will run from Monday February 24th until 5pm on Monday April 6th 2020.

Will there be extra traffic and how will you reduce the impact?

It is possible that there may be a slight increase in traffic. However, the vast majority of pupils will be local and we believe that many pupils will already have siblings in the school and will therefore be travelling together. It is also likely that those children are already attending Topsy Turvy, or would have been in the future, and so would have already been using the car park and School Approach. In order to reduce any possible impact, we are planning to open and close the provision slightly outside the current school hours at 8:30 and 3:30 respectively. This should alleviate any problems with extra parking and traffic to the area.

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

No. Admission arrangements to the School will remain unchanged and will not be affected by admission to the Nursery class. Attendance in the Nursery class will not lead to automatic transfer to the Reception class and parents will need to apply for a place in the usual way. Please see Buckinghamshire County Council's website for the specific criteria for school admission.

Will there be any building work or changes that need to take place?

We are proposing that the new Nursery class will be situated within the current Reception class classroom arrangement, and that there will be shared use of some of the facilities. This means that there will be minimal work required - a new doorway and flooring. These proposed plans and work will be carried out over the Easter holidays prior to the Summer term starting on the 21st April. As there is already considerably more space than the Reception class needs a further 16 children will not adversely affect the children's learning and welfare.

What are the next stages in the process?

Responses will be received throughout the consultation process which ends on 6th April 2020. These will be analysed and the school will publish the outcomes on the [Weston Turville Nursery Consultation](#) page on its website.

How can I respond to this consultation?

Please complete the attached consultation response form and return it to the school for the attention of Ms Brooks, Headteacher. Alternatively, please email us at office@westonturville.bucks.sch.uk

We would really welcome your views on our proposal and look forward to receiving your completed response form. Should you have any additional queries please contact us at the address above.

Thank you for your interest.



Karen Brooks
Headteacher



Paul Fyfe
Chair of Governors

To: Ms Brooks – Headteacher, Weston Turville Church of England School

Name: _____ (please print)

I am: (please tick all that apply)

- A parent/guardian of a child at Weston Turville CE School
- A parent/guardian of a pre-school child
- A close neighbour of the school
- A member of the local community
- Other _____

I am in favour of Weston Turville CE School lowering the age of admission to 3 years to incorporate Nursery class:

YES/ NO (please delete as appropriate)

I am the parent of a pupil who will be *Rising 4 in the next academic year 2020/21 and would like to express an interest in a place in Weston Turville's Nursery class:

YES/ NO (please delete as appropriate)

My child is currently a *Rising 4 attending Topsy Turvy Pre-school and I am interested in applying for a place in the Weston Turville Nursery provision for the Summer Term 2020.

YES/ NO (please delete as appropriate)

***Children are referred to as 'Rising 4s' during the academic year that they will become 4 years old.**

Comments:

If you would like further information and/or an admissions form for the Nursery class, please provide your email address to enable us to contact you: