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Consultation to lower the school age and admit children from 2 years of age

This consultation is a statutory requirement and will remain in the public domain for four weeks. Any responses to this consultation should be returned by Friday 20th April, care of the school, to the Chair of Governors, Mrs J Wilson.

What we currently offer:

Alston Lane Catholic Primary School is a one form entry, voluntary aided Primary school offering education within the age range 4-11 years.

A nursery, run as a non-profit making company, limited by guarantee, already exists within the school grounds, offering education to children aged 2-4 years. There are three directors of this company, all of whom are employed by the school.

The breakfast and after school club also forms part of this company.

The Out of School Club and Nursery building is owned by the school and is situated on Parish land. A ground rent is paid to the Parish and the company makes a monetary donation to the school, for services received, each year and the use of the building.

The new proposal:

The Governors of the school wish to lower the age range of the school to incorporate children aged 2-4 years. The reasons for this are as follows:

- To expand the school to include the Nursery and Out of School Club.
- To bring the school, Nursery and Out of School Club under the same Ofsted registration.
- To offer better terms and conditions to nursery and Out of School Club staff, in line with school staff.
- To bring Nursery education and accountability for it under the control of the school and Governors, ensuring excellent transition to school.
- To bring Nursery and Out of School Club HR and finance under the direction of the school and Governors.
- The building is the responsibility of the Governing Body.

The Nursery will be led by a qualified teacher and supported by a team of teaching assistants at level 3 and level 2a.

The Nursery sessions will be from 9am till 12pm and 12pm till 3pm. Wrap around care including breakfast and After School Club sessions will be available to all children. Breakfast sessions start at 7.45am and the After School Club closes at 5.45pm. This offers a 10 hour day to families who require longer periods of care.





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Lowering the school age to incorporate the Nursery and After School Club will result in:

- An Early Years Foundation Stage unit that offers excellent education to children from 2-5 years.
- More effective transition from pre-school education to the Early Learning Goals in Reception Class and the assessment of each child's development.
- Increased access to Lancashire County Council services for children in the Nursery and their families. E.g. Special Educational Needs support, health services, Early years advisory service ...
- Continued professional development and improved career prospects for staff joining the school.
- No VAT payable on Nursery resources when these are bought through the school budget.
- Better communication with Nursery parents, contactable through school and linked to the schools' information management system.

The Governors intend to close Alston Lane Out of School Club and Nursery, on 31st August 2018. This company will cease to exist but it will continue to operate under the direction of the school from 1st September 2018.

The school, from 1st September will be called Alston Lane Catholic Primary School and Nursery.

Thank you for taking the time to read this consultation document, and we look forward to receiving your responses.

Yours sincerely

The Governors of Alston Lane Catholic Primary School.

