



# Waterloo Primary School

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21<sup>st</sup> February 2023

Dear Parents and Carers,

I am writing to advise you of a consultation exercise being undertaken by the Local Authority to consider Waterloo Primary School extending our age range from 4 to 11 to 2 to 11 from the start of the new school year (September 2023).

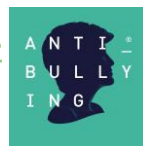
In July 2022, the Governing Body gave Next Steps Nursery 12 months' notice to relocate their business operation to another site in the local area. This is to allow the school to have control over the running of the whole building for the future, with access to all rooms on site, rather than renting space for a private provision. The Governors did not take this decision lightly and we were sorry to ask the Nursery on site to leave, having worked with them closely for many years. We also understand that many of the children across the community have been so well served by Next Steps Community Nursery.

Waterloo Primary School has been consulting with the DfE and the Local Authority about how we can continue to serve the community of Waterloo and ensure that provision is still available on site for 2 and 3 year olds.

A major benefit of a school based Nursery is that it must be led by qualified teachers. Our proposal to the Local Authority would ensure that teacher-led provision, together with wrap-around care opportunities would be available in term time from September 2023. We would also look to extend the provision to provide holiday cover, over time. This provision would link to our Family Well Being Centre and also link to the work we are undertaking with the Local Authority in terms of early language development in Reception, providing a seamless transition into school for our families.



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Many of our families use the wrap-around care we provide from 7.30 a.m. until 5.50 p.m. each day to support child care commitments. We would aim to extend this provision to include nursery cover on site to support our families across the community.

The consultation document will be available on Sefton's website shortly and is also attached for your attention.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'R Baldwin', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Mrs R Baldwin

Headteacher

## **Public Notice and Proposal for Waterloo Primary School**

Notice is given in accordance with Regulations 4 and 5 of the School Organisation (Prescribed Alterations to Maintained Schools) (England) Regulations 2013 that Sefton Council intends to make a prescribed alteration to Waterloo Primary School from July 2023.

This consultation is being undertaken to advise you of proposals concerning Waterloo Primary School and to invite you to tell us what you think of the proposals. This is part of a statutory consultation process that Sefton Council is managing in partnership with the school's Governing Body.

The proposal is:

- To change the age range at Waterloo primary School from 4 - 11 to 2 - 11 from July 2023. The published admission number (PAN) for the main school will not be affected by these proposals. The nursery provision will be offered in a more flexible way, according to parental demand.
- To run all nursery provision for 2-3 year under the direction of the School Governors from July 2023

This Notice is an extract from the complete proposal. Copies of the complete proposal can be obtained from the School Organisation Team, School Support Services, Sefton Council, **3<sup>rd</sup> Floor, Magdalen House, Trinity Road, Bootle, L20 3NJ** [www.sefton.gov.uk/schools-learning/school-organisation](http://www.sefton.gov.uk/schools-learning/school-organisation)

Within four weeks from the date of publication of these proposals, any person may object to or make comments on the proposal by sending them to the School Organisation Team, School Support Services, Sefton Council, **3<sup>rd</sup> Floor, Magdalen House Trinity Road, Bootle, L20 3NJ** or by email to: [School.Organisation@sefton.gov.uk](mailto:School.Organisation@sefton.gov.uk)

Signed: D Johnson, Chief Executive and Authorised Officer of Sefton Metropolitan Council

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## Introduction

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## Why Change?

Parents are increasingly seeking more flexibility from nursery places, to support them with work commitments.

The existing provision operates 8 – 5 p.m for 5 days a week for 38 weeks a year – with a maximum of 40 children attending each session. The Nursery closes currently at 3.15 p.m on a Friday.

By offering a School Nursery with the existing Nursery staff from the current private provider there would be consistency of location, provision, quality and care with the added robustness and requirements of a school-based nursery rather than a PVI setting. In February 2022 the school Ofsted inspection confirmed the evaluation of the school that Early Years was good. This practice would be extended into the school Nursery.

A Nursery at Waterloo Primary would be teacher led with leadership responsibility and oversight from the Deputy Headteacher who is an early year's practitioner thus increasing educational standards. The Deputy Headteacher started her NPQ in Early Years in January 2023 and is also ready working with the LA on the SSTEWS project with the support of Sefton Council Service Manager for Early Years.

By ultimately increasing the wrap around offer this would almost certainly increase the number of pupils accessing the provision, as working parents who need more hours than are currently offered would have the school setting as an option rather than having to travel further afield. This would also be the same situation for working parents of existing pupils who may not previously have been able to use the provision for younger siblings due to the restricted hours on offer.

In order to ensure early identification of specific SEND it would be our intention to offer specific resource places over a period of time which would support smooth transition into the school resourced bases for pupils with ASD.

The school runs a Family Wellbeing Centre commissioned by the Local Authority and it would be the schools intention to extend the links between Nursery and the Centre to ensure targeted early help considering the needs of the whole family and support for all with access to universal and targeted services at the point of identified need.

### **Building consequences**

There will be no changes to the accommodation, and early years children will continue to attend their sessions.

### **What is the proposed timetable?**

3<sup>rd</sup> February 2023: The Council Portfolio Holder for Education gave approval for the proposal to go out for consultation.

10<sup>th</sup> February 2023 – : Consultation with parents and the local community to take into account the views expressed regarding the proposals to change the age range.

If Cabinet agree to the proposals, the decision will begin to be implemented from June 2023 with the new arrangements beginning in July 2023.