

Wiltshire Council Statutory Notice of a proposed Change of Age Range at Stanton St. Quintin Primary School, Stanton St. Quintin, Nr. Chippenham, Wiltshire, SN14 6DQ

Notice is hereby given in accordance with section 19(1) of the Education and Inspections Act 2006 (as amended by the Education Act 2011) and the School Organisation (Prescribed Alterations to Maintained Schools) (England) Regulations 2013 that Wiltshire Council intends to make a prescribed alteration to Stanton St. Quintin Primary School, Stanton St. Quintin, Nr. Chippenham, Wiltshire, SN14 6DQ.

School: Stanton St. Quintin Primary School, Stanton St. Quintin, Nr. Chippenham, Wiltshire, SN14 6DQ.

Local Authority: Wiltshire Council, Bythesea Road, Trowbridge, Wiltshire, BA14 8JN

Proposal

Wiltshire Council proposes to change the age range of Stanton St. Quintin Primary School to provide pre-school provision from 1 September 2020. The school will then admit children from the age of 3 years. Pupils will be accommodated in existing buildings on the site.

In creating these new pre-school places, there will be no changes to the school's Admission Policy as attendance at the pre-school will not offer any additional guarantees of a school place at Stanton St Quintin Primary School at statutory school age. Places will continue to be allocated on the existing over subscription criteria so equality of opportunity for all will not be compromised.

Description of Alteration & Evidence of Demand

Stanton St Quintin is a small village school situated to the north of Chippenham. The school has capacity for 147 children with a Published Admissions Number (PAN) of 21. It has capacity to operate as a five-class school. In the last 5 years, the NOR has reduced due to a number of factors: low occupancy of military accommodation, aging demographic of catchment families and a falling birth rate affecting many schools in Wiltshire. This has resulted in the school reducing from 4 classes to 3 to reflect the numbers on roll, resulting in surplus classrooms.

The number of pupils registered at the school (as at October 2019 census) was 64 full time pupils from Reception (R) to Year 6, as follows:

YrR	Yr1	Yr2	Yr3	Yr4	Yr5	Yr6	Total
9	8	4	5	14	11	13	64

The reducing numbers in the school means that there is now an opportunity to use one of the existing surplus classrooms to offer pre-school places.

In order to create the pre-school places, the age range of the school needs to be lowered from 4 to 11 years currently, to 3 to 11 years from September 2020.

The Published Admissions Number (PAN) of the school will remain at 21 for September 2020 and September 2021 as those PAN's already been determined and published.

However, the LA will consult in accordance with the Admissions Code of Practice to reduce the PAN to 17 with effect from September 2022.

Until that reduction comes into effect, the current and proposed places available are shown below.

CURRENT OFFER		PROPOSED OFFER	
	Places		Places
Age 3-4 (Nursery)	0	Age 3-4 (Nursery)	24
Age 4-5 (Reception)	21	Age 4-5 (Reception)	21
Age 5-6 (Year 1)	21	Age 5-6 (Year 1)	21
Age 6-7 (Year 2)	21	Age 6-7 (Year 2)	21
Age 7-8 (Year 3)	21	Age 7-8 (Year 3)	21
Age 8-9 (Year 4)	21	Age 8-9 (Year 4)	21
Age 9-10 (Year 5)	21	Age 9-10 (Year 5)	21
Age 10-11 (Year 6)	21	Age 10-11 (Year 6)	21

Displaced pupils

There would be no displaced pupils as all pupils at the school will continue to be educated at Stanton St Quintin Primary School from September 2020.

Objectives

Creating a nursery at Stanton St Quintin Primary School will provide 24 places for 3 - 4 year olds in the local area. There is currently no pre-school provision in Stanton St Quintin. Whilst there are a number of nurseries in the wider area, this proposal will offer parents a wider choice of settings and one which is more accessible for the immediate community.

In turn this will enable parents and carers to more easily return to work and allow the school to improve the outcomes for the children in the school community by ensuring they are school ready when they start in Reception.

Effect on Other Institutions in the area

There are a number of pre-schools between 2-5 miles away from Stanton St Quintin Primary School. However there are none in the village itself. The school proposes to offer wrap around care from 8.30am-5.30pm to meet the demands of working parents. We do not believe that by offering pre-school provision at Stanton St Quintin Primary School this will be at the detriment of existing good quality early years provision elsewhere.

Occupancy levels within the local preschools and nurseries were high for September 2019.

Cost Implications

An existing school classroom will be used to create the pre-school places. Currently this classroom is used for music, break out learning and by the After School Club; and is separate to the main school building. A small number of adaptations have been identified, including the creation of a designated pre-school outdoor play area. The school will fund these adaptations from the school budget.

Implementation Plan

Following publication of these proposals, responses will be considered by Wiltshire Council before they make a final decision on the change of age range.

Once approved, the proposals will be implemented by Wiltshire Council and the Governing Body of Stanton St Quintin Primary School.

The minimal works required will be carried out in the summer holidays to prevent disruption to pupils.

Consultation

Wiltshire Council and Stanton St. Quintin Primary School have widely consulted on the proposal to expand the age range at Stanton St. Quintin Primary School to provide nursery provision. The consultation took place between 1 March 2020 and 27 March 2020 with the following interested parties:

- Parents and carers of children at the school
- Teachers and support staff at the school
- Governors at the school
- Local Authority
- Local Councillor
- Parish Council
- Other schools and pre-schools in the area
- Wiltshire Council's Lead Member for Children's Services
- Residents of Stanton St Quintin and Lower Stanton

A public meeting was due to be held at the school on 23 March 2020 but unfortunately had to be cancelled due to the lockdown measures implemented by the Government for the COVID-19 outbreak. The school therefore requested that interested parties and stakeholders email any questions so they could be answered before the end of the consultation period. No questions were received.

Comments on, or objections to, the proposals

Any person or organisation may object to, or comment on, the above related proposals by sending them to School Buildings and Places Team, Wiltshire Council (ref: Stanton St Quintin Primary), County Hall, Trowbridge, BA14 8JN **within 4 weeks** of the date of publication of this Notice, namely **by 23 May 2020**.

Alternatively they can be sent by email to: schoolorganisation@wiltshire.gov.uk

All statutory consultation requirements relating to these proposals have been complied with.
Signed:

**Mr Ian R Gibbons
Solicitor to the Council**

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Appendix 1 – Summary of Consultation Responses

Stakeholder Group	Total number of responses	In support	Not in support
Staff	8	8	0
Parent/families	6	6	0
Governors	3	3	0
Local Residents	1	1	0
Local schools and Pre schools	No responses		
Parish and Councillors	No responses		
Other	1	1	0