



Hertfordshire County Council

Proposal to change the age range of Widford School, Ware Road, Widford, Hertfordshire, SG12 8RE, by changing the age range from 4 to 11 years to 2 to 11 years thereby allowing nursery-aged children to be admitted from the age of 2.

Notice is given in accordance with section 19(1) of the Education and Inspections Act 2006 that Hertfordshire County Council intends to make a prescribed alteration to Widford School, Ware Road, Widford, Hertfordshire, SG12 8RE, a community school. The implementation date, should the Local Authority not receive any objections to the proposals contained in this notice, will be the 8th January 2018; however should the Local Authority receive objections to the proposals the implementation date will be the 5th February 2018, subject to any agreed alterations.

Hertfordshire County Council proposes to change the age range of Widford School, Ware Road, Widford, Hertfordshire, SG12 8RE, ("the School") a community school, by changing the age range from 4 to 11 years to 2 to 11 years thereby allowing nursery-aged children to be admitted from the age of 2 from the implementation date. The proposed alteration will make provision for up to 10 early years' places in the nursery as either part-time or full-time places for children aged 2 to 4-years-old.

The number of places for 2 and 3-year-old children in the locality reduced when an existing Private, Voluntary and Independent (PVI) provider closed in summer 2017. By lowering the admission age of the School, Hertfordshire County Council can ensure that 2 and 3-year-old children in the community, particularly the most vulnerable, are able to access the free place that they are entitled to.

Currently the school's nursery has capacity for 10 children; this capacity may be subject to review. The current number of children registered at the nursery is 9 (Autumn 2017 Class Organisation Return). The nursery has sufficient and suitable space to accommodate 2 and 3-year-old children. Therefore no additional spaces or buildings are required to implement this proposal.

This Notice is an extract from the Complete Information. Copies of the Complete Information can be obtained from: Hertfordshire County Council, Children's Services, School Planning, Room 138, County Hall, Pegs Lane, Hertford, SG13 8DF, marked "Widford School", or via the Hertfordshire County Council website at:

<https://www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/services/schools-and-education/schools-directory/school.aspx?school=Widford+Primary+School&schoolcode=326>

or email: education.planning@hertfordshire.gov.uk

Anyone can provide comments or objections but you need to ensure that they are received by Hertfordshire County Council by the 21st December 2017 by sending them by post, marked "Widford School", to: Freepost RTHH-LXSL-BYYR, Hertfordshire County Council, Education Department, County Hall, Hertford, SG13 8DF, or by email to: education.planning@hertfordshire.gov.uk

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