



Scargill Infant
School



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Introduction

Scargill Infant School, part of the Hornchurch Academy Trust, is seeking to establish a maintained nursery. This consultation document sets out the proposal to implement a maintained nursery at Scargill Infant School.

In order to establish a nursery it is necessary for the Trust to change the age range for which the school can cater for, from 4 - 7 to 2 - 7 years old. This would enable the school to provide Early Education and Childcare places to children aged 2, 3 and 4 years.

The purpose of this consultation document

The purpose of this document is to provide information relating to the proposal to establish this maintained nursery and to seek views of parents and the wider community to enable them make an informed response on the options we are exploring for the nursery provision.

Objectives of the proposal

Maintained Nursery settings are based on school sites. They offer teacher-supported learning through play, based around the Early Years Foundation into Stage curriculum for 2, 3 and 4 year olds prior to their entry into school.

Scargill Infant School and the Hornchurch Academy Trust feel that this proposal presents an exciting opportunity to offer high-quality, free education to 2, 3 and 4 year olds on-site with the added benefit of enabling a seamless transition into full time education at Scargill Infant School.

The investment will help extend and improve the early years facilities, making Scargill Infant School increasingly more attractive to local families. Other objectives of the proposal are as follows;

- To provide children with the best possible start in their education, creating strong links with the school's foundation stage.
- To ensure a higher base-line of progression into the reception class and main school.
- The improvement of social and learning outcomes to benefit the children throughout their schooling and into adulthood.
- To provide flexible pre-school provision to local parents, offering pre-school provision throughout the academic year.

If approved, the nursery will operate from existing accommodation on the school site, with the nursery having its own entrance.

The proposal to implement a new nursery at Scargill Infant School is linked to a proposal to reduce the number of reception places available at the school each year from 90 to 60. By admitting fewer pupils into reception, this in turn will free up accommodation at the school that can be used to accommodate the nursery. The reduction in reception places is not expected to cause any shortage of school places overall, with sufficient school places available at other schools in the local area to meet demand.

Proposal Options

We are consulting with local parents, residents and stakeholders by seeking views on a number of options as shown below:

Option A: Nursery only: 3 hour sessions each day, either am or pm based on 3 and 4 year old funding of 15 hours per week or 30 hours for those eligible families.

Option B: Nursery only: 15 hours delivered across 2.5 days based on 3 and 4 year old funding of 15 hours per week

Option C: Wrap around care (8am – 6pm): the 15 or 30 hours funded for those eligible families via the 3-4 year old funding with the option for parents to purchase additional hours e.g. the possibility of up to 10 hours per day (depending on demand).

Have your say

This is an opportunity for parents, carers, staff, the local community and other people who have an interest in the school to express their views, respond to the outlined options and ask questions on the proposal to establish the nursery.

The consultation period starts on **Monday 13 September 2021** and will close on **Friday 22 October 2021**

You can state whether you support the proposal or not by completing the consultation questionnaire online by clicking on the link below;

<https://consultation.havering.gov.uk/education/maintained-nursery-provision-at-scargill>

If you have any other questions regarding this proposal, please contact the Head of School Dawn McGahey on 01708 555707, or email; school.office@scargill-inf.havering.sch.uk

All views and responses to the options will be considered after the consultation ends. Scargill Infant School - Hornchurch Academy Trust will then decide on next steps.

This consultation document is being sent electronically to all parents/carers governors, teachers and support staff of Scargill Infants School.

Electronic copies are also being sent to all the borough schools including special schools, ward members, MPs, Church Dioceses, all early years provision, community groups, unions and professional associations.

A hard copy of this document and/or information in different format/language can also be made available on request by contacting Gurdi Kaur on 01708 433989 or email earlyyearsorganisation@havering.gov.uk

What happens next?

The final decision as to whether this proposal is approved for implementation will be made by the Regional Schools Commissioner on behalf of the Department for Education. The process for making significant changes to academies can be viewed in more detail here:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/making-significant-changes-to-an-existing-academy>