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Nursery Consultation

Proposal for lowering the age range at Our Lady & St Brendan's Catholic Primary School to provide Early Years' entitlement places for 0-2 and 3-4 year-olds

Consultation Document

Your views are important to us. We would like to gain your views and comments on our school's proposal and provide you with the opportunity to ask questions and discuss the proposals.

Background information

Our Lady & St Brendan's Catholic Primary School is a mainstream Primary school offering places for children aged 4-11 years within Bradford Local Authority and Diocese of Leeds forming part of the Blessed Christopher Wharton Catholic Academy Trust. In September 2026, the school propose to make a temporary change to its admission age, lowering it to include children who were already aged 3 on 1st September 2026. Nursery and Reception children are to be taught in a mixed Early Years Foundation Stage class. With this we would like to propose the opening of a 0-2 yr old provision in an on-site refurbished provision.

What are we proposing and where?

The Local Academy Council of Our Lady & St Brendan's Catholic Primary School wish to establish an expanded provision where all children aged 0-2 , 2 years or 3 or 4 can be admitted in a separate Nursery provision. This would enable children to join the nursery provision as soon as they are eligible throughout the school year.

The primary reason for doing this is to provide high quality, school-based provision for our local community, whilst facilitating a smooth transition into our Reception Class. Nursery aged pupils will also be able to access the school's wraparound care, which will provide a childcare solution for working families in keeping with the family ethos of the school.

Our pupils often join us from a wide range of settings, including from different areas, as we have a wide catchment area due to us being a Catholic school. We feel that offering high quality school-based nursery provision is an opportunity to give our children the best possible start to their education journey.

The separate nursery provision will be accommodated by repurposing existing school buildings, funded by a School-Based Nursery Capital Grant.

Why are we undertaking a consultation?

Before a school can make permanent changes to the age range of pupils that it admits, all interested parties who might be affected by the proposals must be consulted. The consultation will commence on Wednesday 19th November 2025 and run to Tuesday 10th December 2025.

When are we proposing the change?

We are proposing to make the change from September 2027 with 3-4 yr old Nursery provision from September 2026.

Who are we consulting with?

- Parents/Carers
- School Staff
- Local Schools
- Local Early Years and Childcare Providers
- Bradford Local Authority
- Diocese of Leeds

Why are we consulting with you?

Whenever a school proposes to lower the age range of a school to accommodate nursery aged children, all interested parties who are likely to be affected by the proposals must be consulted in the development of the proposals.

It is important that the proposals are the subject of broad consultation with all interested parties to ensure that your views are considered and that you are fully informed and involved before a final decision is made by the Local Authority.

Prior to making any decisions in relation to the proposals, the responses to the consultation will be fully analysed.

How to respond to the consultation

1. Complete the consultation questionnaire attached, no later than Tuesday 10th December 2025 Consultation to open Nursery Provision at Our Lady & St Brendan's Catholic Primary School – Collaboration
2. If you would like paper copies of any documents, please request them from the school office via office@olsb.bcwcat.co.uk or telephone 01274 611992
3. Parents/Carers may send any questions/comments via ClassDojo or attend the consultation drop in to be held at school on Friday 5th December 2025 at 2.30pm
4. Email any responses to office@olsb.bcwcat.co.uk marked FAO: CE SBN

Thank you for taking the time to read this consultation document. Your views are important to us. Please make them known to us by completing the questionnaire or by getting in touch.

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