



Report sponsor: Cllr. John Whitby, Cabinet Member for Children’s Social Care, Learning and Skills and Andy Smith, Strategic Director of People Services

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**Early Years Sufficiency Strategy – Expanded Childcare Offer (ECO):
Proposals to change the age ranges of three Council maintained nursery schools.**

Purpose

- 1.1 The Government has recently announced national investment in childcare, including the expansion of funded childcare support for working parents to include children from nine months old up to school age. The changes, that started to roll out from April 2024, will mean that by September 2025 households where all parents work, with children over the age of nine months old, will be entitled to 30 hours of funded childcare per week / term time or 1140 hours stretched over a year.
- 1.2 Nationally, additional childcare support is being introduced gradually to give childcare providers time to prepare for the changes. Derby City Council has been working together closely with the early years sector to plan for the Expanded Childcare Offer (ECO) and has developed proposals in partnership with three maintained nursery schools, as follows:

	Current Numbers				Proposed Numbers			
	2 Year Old Places	3 & 4 Year Old Places	Total		Under 23 Months	2 Year Old Places	3 & 4 Year Old Places	Total
Central Community Nursery	16	52	68		9	32	52	93
Harrington Nursery	0	40	40		0	16	40	56
Whitecross Nursery	0	52	52		0	16	52	68
Total	16	144	160		9	64	144	217
Increase					9	48	0	57

- 1.3 Initial consultation has now been carried out on the proposals to change the age ranges and sizes of the nursery schools outlined above (Para. 1.2), in readiness for the ECO. Consultation was carried out over a four-week period between 22 April 2024 to 20 May 2024, with the Consultation Document circulated widely, including to all key stakeholders and interested parties. The Consultation Document and response form were also made available online on Let’s Talk Derby. A copy of the Consultation Document is attached as Appendix 1 to this report.
- 1.4 By the close of the consultation, the Council had received a total of 119 responses, with 103 being in support of the proposals (11 respondents did not support the proposals, 4 were undecided and 1 did not select a response). A

summary of the consultation responses received is outlined in Appendix 2. Following consultation and the need to prepare for the Expanded Childcare Offer, this report seeks Council Cabinet approval to progress to the next stage of the process. This includes the publication of a statutory notice setting out details on the proposals, with a further four-week consultation period, as required under the School Organisation Regulations 2013. It is anticipated that a final decision will be taken on the proposals in July / August 2024.

Recommendation(s)

- 2.1 To authorise the publication of a statutory notice, with a further four-week formal consultation period, on the proposals to change the age ranges and sizes of the nursery schools outlined in para. 1.2 of this report, in readiness for the Expanded Childcare Offer.
- 2.2 Subject to recommendation 2.1, to delegate authority to determine the proposals to change the age ranges of three Council maintained nursery schools to the Strategic Director of People Services, in consultation with the Cabinet Member for Children's Social Care, Learning and Skills, and Section 151 Officer if no objections are received and, if objections are received, to bring a further report to Council Cabinet for a decision.

Reason(s)

- 3.1 The proposed additional nursery school places for children aged 0-3 will contribute towards meeting increased demand for childcare places, as a result of the Government's ECO. The places will also provide really positive opportunities for families in the localities by:
 - Increasing the childcare options available for parents/carers.
 - Ensuring continuity of care, reducing transition for children aged 0-3.
 - Providing greater flexibility to access places for 0-3 year olds within the locality.
 - Helping children to learn, play, make new friends, experience new activities and get ready for school.
- 3.2 The headteachers and governing bodies of the three maintained nursery schools outlined in this report are fully supportive of the proposals.

Supporting information

- 4.1 The Government has recently announced national investment in childcare, including the expansion of childcare support for working parents to include children from nine months old up to school age. The changes will mean that by September 2025 working parents with children over the age of nine months old will be entitled to 30 hours of free childcare / term time or 1140 hours stretched over the year.
- 4.2 The national timeline for introducing ECO is as follows:
- From April 2024, working parents of two-year-olds will be able to access 15 hours per week of funded childcare term time (570 hours per year).
 - From September 2024, 15 hours per week of funded childcare term time (570 hours per year) will be extended to all children from term after they turn nine months.
 - From September 2025, working parents of children from 9 months up to school age will be entitled to 30 hours per week of funded childcare term time (1140 hours per year).
- 4.3 This staggered approach is intended to give childcare providers time to prepare for the changes, ensuring there are enough providers ready to meet demand. Derby City Council has been working together closely with the early years sector to plan for the Expanded Childcare Offer (ECO) and has developed proposals in partnership with three maintained nursery schools, as follows:

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- 4.4 The proposed additional places for children aged 0-3, at the above maintained nursery schools, will contribute towards meeting increased demand for childcare places, as a result of the Government's ECO. The places will also provide really positive opportunities for families in the localities by:
- Increasing the childcare options available for parents/carers.
 - Ensuring continuity of care, reducing transition for children aged 0-3.
 - Providing greater flexibility to access places for 0-3 year olds within the locality.
 - Helping children to learn, play, make new friends, experience new activities and get ready for school.
- 4.5 The headteachers and governing bodies of the nursery schools covered in this report are fully supportive of the proposals.

4.6 Initial consultation has now been carried out on the proposals to change the age ranges and sizes of the nursery schools outlined above (Para. 4.3), in readiness for the ECO. Consultation was carried out over a four-week period between 22 April 2024 to 20 May 2024, with the Consultation Document circulated widely, including to all key stakeholders and interested parties. The Consultation Document and response form were also made available online on Let's Talk Derby. A copy of the Consultation Document is attached as Appendix 1 to this report.

4.7 By the close of the consultation, the Council had received a total of 119 responses, with 103 being in support of the proposals (11 respondents did not support the proposals, 4 were undecided and 1 did not select a response). A summary of the consultation responses received is outlined in Appendix 2. The key themes that emerged through the consultation are set out below:

- Significant benefits to all children in relation to their learning and development, particularly communication skills and social opportunities.
- The proposals will enable parents to work, access employment and training opportunities.
- There is a need, in the local area, for additional childcare places for children aged 9 months to 3 years.
- The expansion of places offered would contribute to supporting the financial sustainability of nursery schools across the City.
- The proposals would bring the childcare offer in line with other nursery schools, early education and childcare providers within the City.
- The proposals will support children and families where there is an emerging need to access additional support services such as Health and Social Care.

A small number of responses raised concerns about the proposals, as follows:

- Limited physical space within some of the nursery school buildings may impact on the activities, experiences and opportunities provided for the children.
- Increasing the places may compromise the quality of care and early education offered, including for children with Special Educational Needs.
- Additional staff will be needed to meet the increase in places.
- Potential impact on the sustainability of other nursery schools in the local area.
- Would prefer the nursery school to offer places for 3 and 4 year old children only.

4.8 The Senior Leadership Teams and Governing Bodies within each nursery school will carefully consider the points raised and will seek to ensure that there is no detrimental impact on the quality of education and care provided. The Council will continue to provide appropriate professional support, advice and services to the nursery schools. In terms of funding, the higher numbers of children on roll will result in additional revenue funding to cover any associated staffing costs. As the additional places are being proposed to meet an increase in demand as a result of the national ECO, it is not anticipated that there will be any significant impact on the sustainability of other local nursery schools.

- 4.9 Following consultation, and the need to prepare for the Expanded Childcare Offer, this report seeks Council Cabinet approval to progress to the next stage of the process. This includes the publication of a statutory notice setting out details on the proposals, with a further four-week consultation period, as required under the School Organisation Regulations 2013. It is anticipated that a final decision will be taken on the proposals in July / August 2024.

Public/stakeholder engagement

- 5.1 Initial consultation on the proposals ran for four weeks from Monday 22 April 2024 to Monday 20 May 2024. The consultation document was circulated widely to all interested parties. The outcome of the initial consultation exercise is set out in this report for Council Cabinet consideration.
- 5.2 This report seeks Council Cabinet approval to progress to the next stage of the process. If there is approval to move to the next stage, there will be a further four-week statutory consultation period.
- 5.3 The four-week statutory consultation period is prescribed in legislation (School Organisation (Prescribed Alterations to Maintained Schools) (England) Regulations 2013) and cannot be shortened or lengthened. Following this, it is anticipated that a final decision will be made by Derby City Council in July / August 2024 on whether to change the age ranges and sizes of the nursery schools. If the proposals are approved, then the additional places will be available from September 2024.

Other options

- 6.1 There is an option not to change the age ranges and sizes of the nursery schools. However, this could result in a shortfall of early years funded early education entitlement places, as the Government's ECO is rolled out. The nursery schools included in the proposals are fully supportive of the changes.
- 6.2 The proposals are in keeping with national policy and the extension of the funded childcare offer for eligible families.

Financial and value for money issues

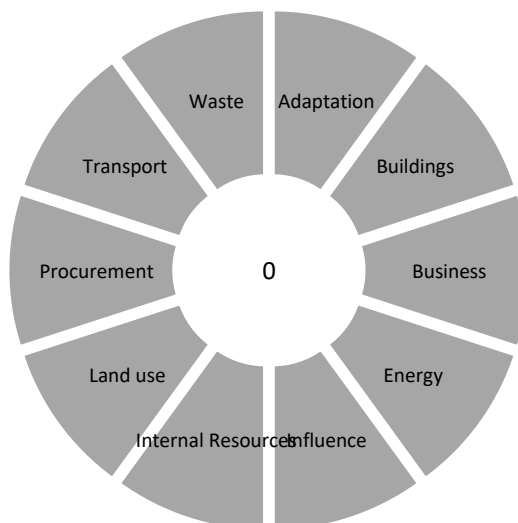
- 7.1 Should the proposals be approved, it may be necessary for the maintained nursery schools to recruit additional staff in order to provide places for the children in the younger age ranges. The higher numbers of children on roll will result in additional revenue funding to cover the associated costs. This is funded through the Dedicated Schools Grant, using census counts, taking place 3 times per financial year.
- 7.2 Along with the other early years providers, it is anticipated that the expanded childcare offer proposed at Central Community Nursery School will support sustainability going forward.

Legal implications

- 8.1 Subject to approval to move forward with consultation on the proposals, the legal statutory process, as set out in this report, will be followed in accordance with the School Organisation (Prescribed Alterations to Maintained Schools) (England) Regulations 2013. The process involves initial consultation, Council Cabinet consideration of any responses, publication of a statutory notice (with a further four-week statutory consultation period), final consideration of any responses and a decision.

Climate implications

9.1



- 9.2 In line with Council policy, a Climate Impact Assessment has been carried out for the proposals. The increased childcare places could potentially result in additional travel and car usage in order to access the places. The proposals, however, are required to ensure sufficiency of places for the Expanded Childcare Offer and it is anticipated that they will help to provide greater flexibility to access places for 0-3 year olds within the localities. It is, therefore, considered that there are unlikely to be any significant climate change implications as, whilst there will be an overall increase in the number of childcare places, some parents and carers may be able to access places closer to home, with the option to walk to their local nursery school, rather than drive.

Socio-Economic implications

- 10.1 The proposals cover a number of different areas in the city. In all cases, the proposed additional childcare places will provide really positive opportunities for families by:
- Increasing the childcare options available for parents/carers and support the ability of families to work, improve household income.
 - Providing greater flexibility to access places for 0-3 year olds within the locality.
 - Helping children to learn, play, make new friends, experience new activities and get ready for school.

Other significant implications

Personnel

11.1 Should the proposals be approved, it may be necessary for the maintained nursery schools to recruit additional staff in order to provide places for the children in the younger age ranges. The higher numbers of children on roll will result in additional revenue funding to cover the associated costs. This is funded through the Dedicated Schools Grant, using census counts, taking place 3 times per financial year.

Equalities

11.2 None arising from this report.

Property and Asset Management

11.3 None arising from this report.

This report has been approved by the following people:

Role	Name	Date of sign-off
Legal	Olu Idowu, Head of Legal, Insurance & Information Governance Services	9/5/24
Finance	Janice Hadfield, Head of Finance /Janet Bowlzer, Group Accountant	9/5/24 (JH) 10/5/24(JB)
Service Director(s)	Gurmail Nizzer, Director for Children's Integrated Commissioning Sharon Buckby, Director for Learning Inclusion and Skills	20/05/2024
Report sponsor Other(s)		

Background papers:	None
List of appendices:	Appendix 1 – Consultation Document Appendix 2 – Summary of Responses



Derby City Council

Consultation Document

Expanded Childcare Offer (ECO):

Please give us your views and comments on our proposals to extend the age ranges and sizes of the following nursery schools:

**Central Community Nursery School
Harrington Nursery School
Whitecross Nursery School**

Consultation Period:

Monday, 22 April 2024 to Monday, 20 May 2024

To: Parents, Staff, Governors, Trade Unions and Derby City Councillors (Ward Members).

Expanded Childcare Offer

Proposals to change the age ranges and sizes of Central Community Nursery School, Harrington Nursery School and Whitecross Nursery School from September 2024

Background

Derby City Council is consulting on exciting proposals to change the age ranges and sizes of three nursery schools from September 2024, as follows:

	Current Numbers				Proposed Numbers			
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As background information, the Government has recently announced national investment in childcare, including the expansion of childcare support for working parents to include children from 9 months old up to school age and changes to Universal Credit childcare payments. The changes will mean that by September 2025 working parents of all children over the age of nine months old will be entitled to 30 hours per week of funded childcare term time or 1140 hours stretched over a year.

The national timeline for introducing the additional childcare support is as follows:

- From April 2024, working parents of two-year-olds will be able to access 15 hours per week of funded childcare term time (570 hours per year).
- From September 2024, 15 hours per week of funded childcare term time (570 hours per year) will be extended to all children from the age of nine months.
- From September 2025, working parents of children from 9 months up to school age will be entitled to 30 hours per week of funded childcare term time or 1140 hours stretched over a year.

This staggered approach is intended to give childcare providers time to prepare for the changes, ensuring there are enough providers ready to meet demand. Derby City Council has been working together closely with the early years sector to plan for the Expanded Childcare Offer (ECO) and has developed the proposals set out in this consultation document in partnership with the maintained nursery schools.

The proposed additional places for children aged 0-3, at the above nursery schools, will contribute towards meeting increased demand for childcare places, as a result of the Government's ECO. The places will also provide really positive opportunities for families in the area by:

- Increasing the childcare options available for parents/carers.
- Ensuring continuity of care, reducing transition for children aged 0-3.
- Providing greater flexibility to access places for 0-3 year olds within the locality.
- Helping children to learn, play, make new friends, experience new activities and get ready for school.

The governing bodies and headteachers of the nurseries fully support the proposed changes.

This paper sets out the background to the ECO proposals and explains how you can share your views as part of the consultation process.

How many younger children will the nursery be able to accommodate and what sessions will be available?

In preparation for the ECO, Derby City Council is proposing to make changes to three nursery schools, as follows:

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The session times for the maintained nursery schools which the new places will be accommodated within are as follows:

Central Community Nursery School: Within the schools usual sessions time which are available from 7:30am until 18:00pm.

Harrington Nursery School: Mornings: 8:45 am – 11:45 am and Afternoons: 12:45 pm – 3:45 pm.

Whitecross Nursery School: Mornings: 9.00am – 12.00am, Afternoons: 1.00pm – 4.00pm or Full days 9.00am – 3.00pm or 4.00pm

What impact will this have on the children currently at the nursery schools.

It is not anticipated that there will be any impact on the children currently on roll at the nursery schools. On a day-to-day basis there will be no change in routine.

In terms of accommodating the additional children, the nurseries have carefully considered the availability of space and have confirmed that they are able to offer the additional proposed places within their existing buildings.

What will it mean for the staff?

Again, very little on a day-to-day basis. It may, however, be necessary to recruit additional nursery staff in order to provide places for the children in the younger age ranges.

What happens now?

The consultation period starts on **Monday 22 April 2024** and ends on **Monday 20 May 2024**. Following this, Derby City Council will consider the consultation comments and will decide whether to progress to the next stage of the process.

If proposals are to be taken forward, there will then be a further four-week statutory consultation period on the proposal. It is anticipated that a final decision would then be made by Derby City Council in **July / August 2024** on whether to extend the age ranges and sizes of the nursery schools. If the proposals are approved, then the additional places will be available from **September 2024**.

Your views are very important. Please do let us know what you think and whether you agree or disagree with the proposal.

Please return your response form to School Organisation and Provision Team, The Council House, Corporation Street, Derby, DE1 2FS or by email to letstalkderby@derby.gov.uk by **Monday 20 May 2024**


If you have any questions, please contact school.proposals@derby.gov.uk

Expanded Childcare Offer: Proposals to change the age ranges and sizes of Central Community Nursery School, Harrington Nursery School and Whitecross Nursery School from September 2024

CONSULTATION RESPONSE FORM

We would really like to hear your views on the proposals. Please complete this short form to give your comments or visit <https://letstalk.derby.gov.uk> to complete the form online.

Data Protection

 All information provided will be treated in accordance with the Data Protection Act 2018. We will only use this information to inform the proposals on the age ranges and sizes of Central Community Nursery School, Harrington Nursery School and Whitecross Nursery School. All of the personal information you provide will remain confidential and will not be shared with any third party. The overall anonymised findings of the survey may be shared with other departments within the council.

Please see our attached privacy statement for more information.

Q1. Do you consent to the processing and storing of your response for the purpose of this consultation? Please select one option

Yes

No, thank you. - please do not return your survey as we need consent to be able to collect your answers.

Q2. Please indicate which nursery school your response relates to. *Please select one option*

Central Community Nursery School

Harrington Nursery School



Q3. Please tell us if you do or do not support the proposal to change the age range and size of the nursery, as shown in the consultation document? *Please select one option*

Yes - I support the proposal

No - I don't support the proposal

I'm undecided about the proposal

Please use the space below to provide any comments on the proposal:

Q4. Please tell us how you are responding to this survey. *Please select one option*

Parent/carer

Governor

Member of school staff

Member of the community

Other (please tell us in the box)

About you

If you are completing this as somebody who lives, works or studies in Derby....

The next few questions will help us to make sure that we hear everyone's views, whatever your age, circumstance or background.

Why are we asking these questions?

To make sure that we comply with our legal equality responsibilities and understand what all sections of our community feel about our services and functions.

We are keen to hear from people from equality groups or who have protected characteristics (as referred to in the Equality Act), so that we can make any appropriate changes.

We would like you to complete these equality questions, but only if you feel comfortable with them.

Please tell us how you describe your gender. Please select all that apply

- Woman/girl Man/boy
 Non-binary Prefer not to say
 In another way

If you said in another way, please tell us how you describe yourself in the box below

Is the

gender you identify with the same as your sex registered at birth?

Please select one option

- Yes
 No
 Prefer not to say

What was your age on your last birthday? Please tell us your age in years in the box below

Do you consider yourself to be a disabled person? Please select one option

- Yes No

I consider myself to be... Please select one

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| <input type="checkbox"/> heterosexual/straight | <input type="checkbox"/> a gay woman/lesbian |
| <input type="checkbox"/> bisexual | <input type="checkbox"/> prefer not to say |
| <input type="checkbox"/> a gay man | <input type="checkbox"/> Other |

To which group do you consider you belong? Please select one option

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Asian or Asian British – Indian | <input type="checkbox"/> Dual Heritage - White and Black African |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Asian or Asian British – Pakistani | <input type="checkbox"/> Dual Heritage - White and Asian |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Asian or Asian British – Bangladeshi | <input type="checkbox"/> Any other Dual Heritage background |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Asian or Asian British – Chinese | <input type="checkbox"/> White - English / Welsh / Scottish / Northern Irish / British |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Any other Asian background | <input type="checkbox"/> White – Irish |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Black or Black British – African | <input type="checkbox"/> White - Gypsy or Irish Traveller |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Black or Black British – Caribbean | <input type="checkbox"/> Any other White background |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Any other Black background | <input type="checkbox"/> Other ethnic group – Arab |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Dual Heritage - White and Black Caribbean | <input type="checkbox"/> Any other ethnic group |

If you have selected one of the 'Any other background' options, please give further details in the box below.

Do you have any religious beliefs? Please select one option

- Yes
- No
- Prefer not to say

If yes, to which religion do you belong? Please select one option

Buddhist

Muslim

Christian

Sikh

Hindu

Other

Jewish

Prefer not to say

Please return your completed form to the FREEPOST address below. You do not need to use a stamp.

Postal Address:

ECO Consultation
School Organisation and Provision Team
Derby City Council
FREEPOST
MID24259
Derby
DE1 2BR

or

Email: school.proposals@derby.gov.uk

Please return this form by **Monday, 20 May 2024**

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How is your information used?

You will be asked for your consent at the beginning of every paper based questionnaire.

Where we have your consent we may use your information to:

- Inform the decision on which the consultation subject matter is based or the formation of the policy, service or event that the consultation is concerned with;
- Help us understand who takes part in our consultation in terms of gender, age, ethnicity and other demographic factors and how views differ across respondents;
- Send you communications which you have requested and that may be of interest.

Who has access to your information?

We may share your information with the following third parties for the reasons detailed;

- A research company that we have commissioned to undertake consultation on our behalf. If this is the case it will be clear on all consultation materials that an external agency is conducting the consultation on our behalf and they too will be bound by GDPR.
- Internally with Council departments for the purpose of:
 - Giving feedback gathered in the consultation to the services to inform their work
 - At the consultees request where they have asked that we pass on their details to the relevant department to address a particular issue or concern
 - Where a safeguarding concern has been raised in a consultation response
- Statutory agencies, such as the Police or National Fraud Authority - we may share your information with statutory agencies in line with our legal obligations and/or in completion of our public tasks.

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Extended Care Offer 2024 Consultation Results

Background

Derby City Council consulted on proposals to change the age ranges and sizes of three nursery schools, Central Community Nursery, Harrington Nursery School and Whitecross Nursery School.

The consultation followed the announcement from the Government on national investment in childcare, including the expansion of childcare support for working parents to include children from 9 months old up to school age and changes to Universal Credit childcare payments. The changes will mean that by September 2025 working parents of all children over the age of nine months old will be entitled to 30 hours per week of funded childcare term time or 1140 hours stretched over a year.

Methodology

The consultation period was undertaken from 22 April 2024 until 20 May 2024. The consultation was supported by an online survey and paper based survey.

Data in the report

Data from the closed questions is presented in the report as a % score, where the data is rounded up or down to the nearest whole percentage point, therefore the results may on occasion add up to 99% or 101%. If a table or chart does not match exactly to the text in the report this occurs due to the rounding up or down when responses are combined. Results that differ in this way should not have a variance that is any larger than 1%.

When reading the data, please note that there is a total number against all charts and tables; this is the valid response meaning that the results are based on all respondents giving a valid answer to a question.

About those taking part

119 individuals gave their view through the online survey.

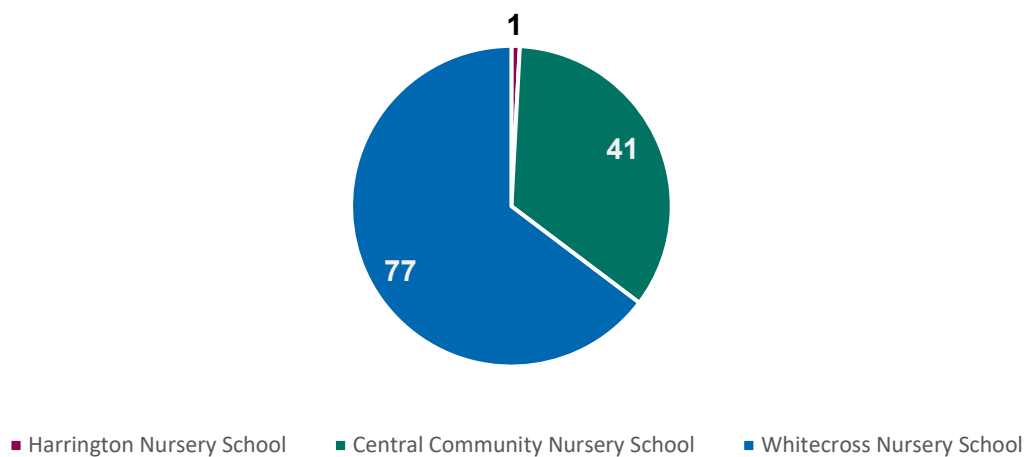
102 respondents (87.2%) were female and **14** respondents (12.0%) were male and one (0.9%) preferred not to say. Two respondents did not respond to the question.

Respondents ages ranged from 18 to 73 with the average of respondents being 40.1 years old.

Proposals

77 (64.7%) of people responding to the survey were responding to the proposals on Whitecross Nursery School, 41 people (34.5%) to Central Community Nursery School and just one (0.8%) responded to the proposals on Harrington Nursery School. [Chart 1]

Chart 1: Which nursery people were commenting on

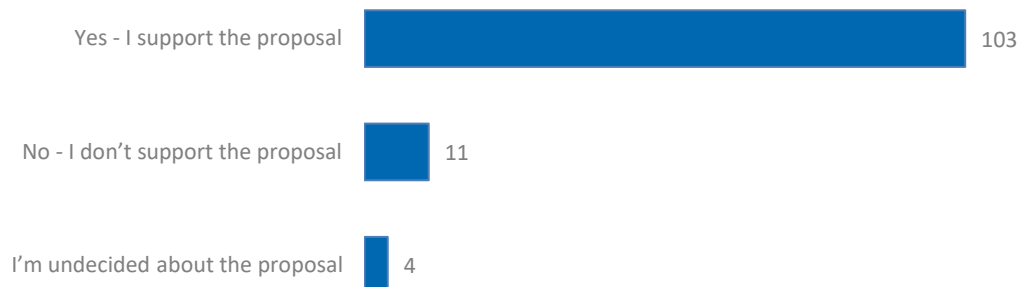


Base: 119 respondents

Support for proposals

Respondents were overall in favour of the proposals for the Extended Childcare Offer. With 103 people (87.3%) supporting the proposals for the nurseries. [Chart 2]. 11 people (9.3%) said they did not support the proposals and four people (3.4%) were undecided.

Chart 2: Support for the proposals

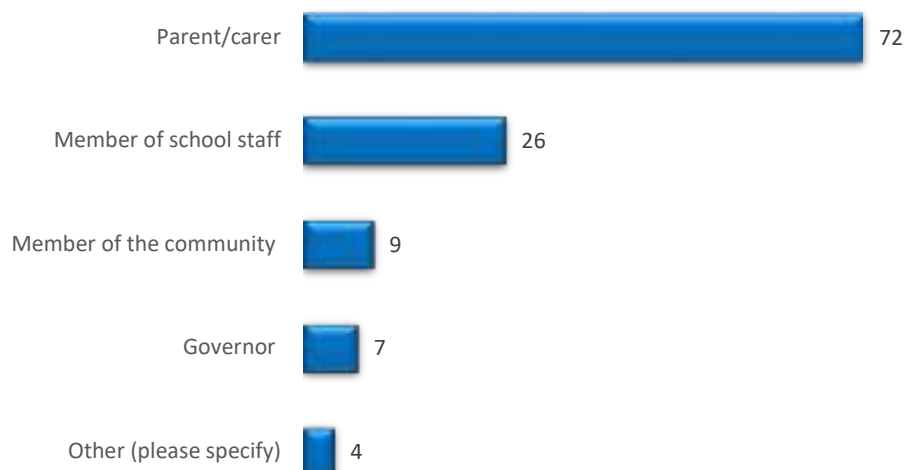


Base: 118 respondents

Respondents

The majority of respondents were parent/carers (72 people, 61.0%). Those who said other included a step-parent, two people said they were wider family members, one person said they worked for a trust and the other was working with family hubs and children's centres.

Chart 3: How people are responding to this survey

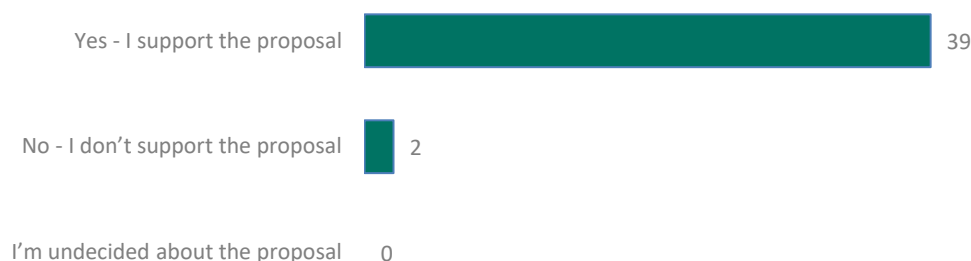


Base: 118 respondents

Responses for Central Community Nursery School

Of the 41 responses for Central Community Nursery, 39 people (95.1%) were in support of the proposals. Just two people were not in favour of the proposals. [Chart 4]

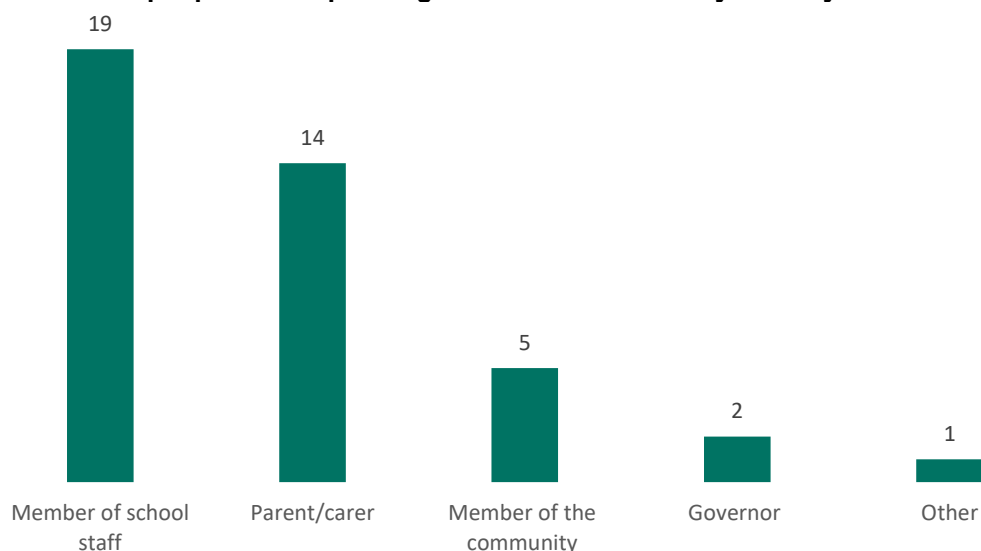
Chart 4 – Support for the proposals at Central Nursery



Base: 41 respondents

The highest number of respondents were school staff (19 people, 46.3%), followed by parent/carers (14 people, 34.1%). Five (12.2%) were members of the community, two people (4.9%) said there were responding as governors and one said other (2.4%).

Chart 5 – How people are responding for Central Community Nursery School



Base: 41 respondents

Comments on Central Community Nursery School

20 people took the opportunity to comment on the proposals. The comments made were generally in favour of the proposals (18 comments). Example of comments included.

Having teacher led provision for babies is a step in the right direction!

We need more childcare options for families in Derby and Central Nursery would be ideally places to meet this due to location ...

It's a great opportunity for the school to offer more services to working parents. Plus parents can relax and give professionals a chance to help children with their development. For babies it's vital to have a routine. So when the routine is done by the prepared adults and when children are nurtured in the prepared environment, thus will be great for

This was not a view shared by all of the respondents. Two comments raising concerns about the impact of the proposals for Central Community Nursery.

I feel that the needs of a two year old are substantially different to a three year old and that having younger children in nursery will negatively

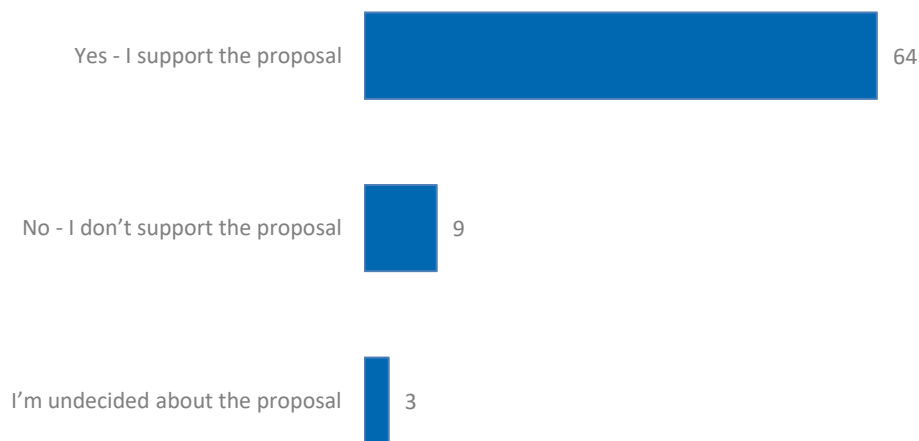
Responses for Harrington Nursery School

There was one respondent to the proposal for Harrington Nursery School. The respondent was undecided about the proposals. In their comments they welcomed the proposals but asked questions about the delivery of the service.

Whitecross Nursery School

Of the 76 people responding to the proposals for Whitecross Nursery School, 64 (84%) were in favour. Nine respondents (11.8%) didn't support the proposals and three (0.4%) were undecided.

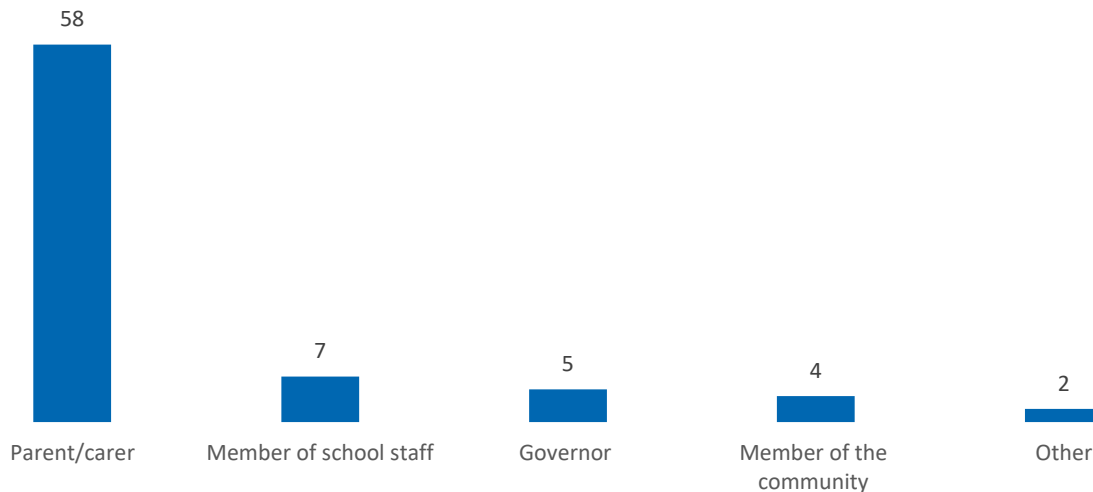
Chart 6 – Support for the proposals at Whitecross Nursery School



Base: 76 respondents

The majority of respondents for this nursery were parent/carers. (58 people, 76.3%). With the remaining made up of seven members of staff (9.2%), five people (6.5%) said they were governors, four people (5.3%) were members of the community and two (2.6%) said 'other' were family members of current children at the nursery. [Chart 7]

Chart 7 – Whitecross Nursery School how people are responding



Base: 76 respondents

Comments on Whitecross Nursery School

Of those who responded to Whitecross Nursery School, 42 people made comments. 29 were coded as positive or in support of the proposals. Comments included.

As a parent of children who have attended white cross nursery I fully support this proposal. White cross is a wonderful setting where my children thrived and the opportunity to extend that to more children should be taken.

...and...

I think this will support consistency for the children's attend Whitecross especially those with SEN needs or LAC. This will enable professionals to build relationships with children and their families to identify any needs or services needed to support the family further and make any necessary referrals.

Nine comments mentioned concerns about the impact of the proposals.

There are other maintained nursery schools nearby who have capacity and there is no need to raise the PAN of Whitecross. Children could be signposted to nurseries with spaces.

..and...

Whitecross currently provides an excellent service for children of preschool age- with diverse learning opportunities both inside and outside. My view is that this is partly due to the children all being at similar development stage (eg/ physical and emotional intelligence). I believe taking on additional younger children in the existing building will reduce the quality of the teaching because:

- ***younger children have significantly different needs (eg/ nappy changes, feeding, naps) which will place very different demands on the staff and potential dilution of staff focus***
- ***to accommodate these different needs there must be changes to the building layout and use***
- ***the available space to accommodate the existing 50+ preschoolers will therefore be comprised***
- ***the ethos of the preschool is currently structured to allow children to thrive and become ready for transition to reception- this may be compromised...***

Some respondents (three comments) mentioned they were undecided about the proposals and asked questions about the implementation of the service and the impact on the schools.

My eldest two children have attended whitecross in their preschool year and we have all had a very positive experience. I, therefore, traditionally see whitecross as a preschool rather than a nursery. I worry about the facilities, space and staffing to accommodate the needs of younger children (eg, support with feeding, nappy changes, naps etc) - however if this has all been considered then I wouldn't hesitate for my youngest to attend once she reaches 2 years of age. The funding is what will have the most positive impact for us as a family.

Who responded to the survey

87.2% of respondents (102 people) described their gender as female, 12.2%, (14 people) described themselves as male. One (0.9%) preferred not to say.

95.8% (113 people) considered themselves to be heterosexual/straight, two people (1.7%) said they were bi-sexual, and three people (2.5%) preferred not to say.

76.1% of respondents were White – British (89 people). Seven (6.0%) said they were White - any other background, 4.3% (five people) said there were Black or Black British – African, 3.4% (four people) said they were Asian or Asian British – Chinese.

1.7% (two people) were Asian or Asian British – Indian, any other ethnic group and 'other' and 0.9% (one person) each were either Asian or Asian British – Pakistani, Dual Heritage - White and Black Caribbean, Dual Heritage - White and Asian, Any other Dual Heritage background, White – Irish and Other ethnic group – Arab.

Of the 31.9% (37 people) that had religious beliefs, 64.5% (48 people) belonged to the Christian religion. 12 people (15.4%) said they preferred not to say, 11 people said other (14.1%), four people (5.1%) were Muslim, and one person each (1.3%) said they were Buddhist, Hindu and Sikh.

Of the 117 people that responded, five (4.3%) did considered themselves to be disabled.

Respondents ages ranged from 18 to 73 with the average of respondents being 40.1 years old.

Data tables

Do you consent to the processing and storing of your resp...

	No.	%
Yes	119	100
No	0	0
Total	119	100.0

Table 1: Please indicate which nursery school your response relates to. **Please select one option**

	No. of Responses	%
Central Community Nursery School	41	34.5
Harrington Nursery School	1	0.8
Whitecross Nursery School	77	64.7
Total	119	100.0

Table 2: Please tell us if you do or do not support the proposal to change the age range and size of the nursery, as shown in the consultation document? **Please select one option**

	No. of Responses	%
Yes - I support the proposal	103	87.3
No - I don't support the proposal	11	9.3
I'm undecided about the proposal	4	3.4
Total	118	100.0

Table 3: Please tell us how you are responding to this survey. Please select one option

	No. of Responses	%
Parent/carer	72	61.0
Governor	7	5.9
Member of school staff	26	22.0
Member of the community	9	7.6
Other	4	3.4
Total	118	100.0

Table 4: Are you...

	No. of Responses	%
Woman/girl	102	87.2
Man/boy	14	12.0
Non-binary	0	0.0
Prefer not to say	1	0.9
In another way	0	0
Total	117	100.0

Table 5: Do you identify as a gender other than what you were assigned at birth?

	No. of Responses	%
Yes	117	99.2
No	1	0.8
Prefer not to say	0	0
Total	118	100.0

Table 6: What was your age on your last birthday?

	No. of Responses	%
18 yrs or below	1	0.9
19-25	35	31.0
26-35	56	49.6
36-45	14	12.4
56-65	5	4.4
66+	2	1.8
Total	113	100.0
Average age 40 (age range 18 - 73)		

Table 7: To which group do you consider you belong?*

	No. of Responses	%
Asian or Asian British - Indian	2	1.7
Asian or Asian British - Pakistani	1	0.9
Asian or Asian British - Chinese	4	3.4
Black or Black British - African	5	4.3
Dual Heritage - White and Black Caribbean	1	0.9
Dual Heritage - White and Asian	1	0.9
Any other Dual Heritage background	1	0.9
White - English / Welsh / Scottish / Northern Irish / British	89	76.1
White – Irish	1	0.9
Any other White background	7	6.0
Other ethnic group - Arab	1	0.9
Any other ethnic group	2	1.7
Other (more information)	2	1.7

Total	117	100.0
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*A full list was made available to respondents results show the categories answered only

Table 8: Do you consider yourself to be a disabled person?

	No. of Responses	%
Yes	5	4.3
No	112	95.7
Total	117	100.0

Table 9: I consider myself to be

	No. of Responses	%
heterosexual/straight	113	95.8
bisexual	2	1.7
a gay man	0	0.0
a gay woman/lesbian	0	0.0
Other	0	0.0
Prefer not to say	3	2.5
Total	118	100.0

Table 10: Do you have any religious beliefs?

	No. of Responses	%
Yes	37	31.9
No	72	62.1
Prefer not to say	7	6.0
Total	116	100.0

Table 11: If yes, to which religion do you belong?

	No. of Responses	%
Buddhist	1	1.3
Christian	48	61.5
Hindu	1	1.3
Muslim	4	5.1
Sikh	1	1.3
Other	11	14.1
Prefer not to say	12	15.4
Total	78	100.0