



BILL QUAY PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Consultation on Proposal for Nursery Provision

The Governing Body of Bill Quay Primary School, Davidson Road, Bill Quay Gateshead, NE10 0UN is proposing to lower the admission age of the school from four years to two years to allow early education to be delivered to two-, three- and four-year olds as a fully integrated part of the school. The initial offer will be for twenty-six three- and four-year old places and four two-year old places per session.

All the current pre-school staff who are on permanent contracts will be given the opportunity to have their contracts transferred into the employment of the Local Authority under the 'Transfer of Undertakings Protection of Employment' (TUPE) regulations. This will mean that they will become part of the school and managed by the Head Teacher. Pre-school staff will have access to the same professional development opportunities as current school staff and benefit from the same pay and conditions as Local Authority employees.

This proposal will allow us to establish a more cohesive and consistent approach to learning from 2-11 years old. This will mean a seamless curriculum flow and smooth transition from nursery to reception, ensuring a strong foundation for future learning for all pupils.

No capital costs would be incurred by the school in the implementation of this proposal.

The Governing Body is seeking comments regarding this proposal. Please send comments of support for the proposal or objections to the proposal to Julie Robertshaw, Early Years and Childcare Service, Gateshead Council, send e-mail to julierobertshaw@gateshead.gov.uk or telephone 07766247442.

All comments should be received by 5.00 pm on **Friday 29th November 2024.**

It is anticipated that the proposal would come into effect from September 2025, should the decision to implement the change be taken, after giving due consideration to all comments received.