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Dear Parents / Carers, Staff and other Stakeholders

Consultation on a change of age range at Speenhamland School

Introduction

Speenhamland School together with the Governing Body of the Newbury Academy Trust is seeking the views of parents, staff and other stakeholders on a proposal to permanently change the range of the school from 4-11 years to 3-11 years from September 2020. This document is part of a four-week consultation process, which opens on Wednesday 11th March and closes on Tuesday 8th April. At the end of the consultation period, a decision will be taken on whether to make the changes described below.

Proposal

Speenhamland School currently provides Primary Education for children aged 4 – 11. The school would like to provide places for three year olds from September 2020 so that local families can benefit by having access to a nursery within their local setting. It is therefore proposed to permanently lower the age range of the school by one year and admit up to 21 children aged three per session into the nursery class.

How to give your views on the proposal

You can give us your views on this proposal by:

- sending your response to Nick Awbery, Newbury Academy Trust Business Manager,
- emailing nawbery@trinity.newburyacademytrust.org
- handing your response form in at the school office marked for the attention of N Awbery
- Visit <https://www.speenhamlandprimary.co.uk/> for further information.
- If you wish to ask any questions about the proposed change of age range, please email the school:
nawbery@trinity.newburyacademytrust.org

What happens next?

The consultation stage closes on Wednesday 8th April. A report summarising the responses received to the consultation will be submitted to the Children, Young People and Education Cabinet Committee at their meeting in June 2020. The Cabinet Member for Education and Health Reform will then decide whether to proceed with the change of age range and publish

statutory proposals in the form of a public notice. The public notice would be published in a local newspaper and for a period of four weeks following the publication date any person can comment on the proposals. Having taken into account any responses, the Cabinet Member will then take a final decision on whether to proceed with the proposal. Please note that if this proposed change of age range to the school goes ahead, it will not affect the determined admission arrangements for entry.

Timeline

Public Consultation Period	11 March to 8 April 2020
Final date for sending in a response	8 April
Report to Education Cabinet Committee	
Cabinet Member Decision	
Public Notice Period (if agreed)	
Implementation (if agreed)	From 1 September 2020

Speenhamland School and the Governing Body of The Newbury Academy Trust are proposing to permanently change the age range of the school from 4-11 years to 3-11 years from September 2020.

Please complete this response form and

- hand it in at the school office or
- return it to the address provided below

Mr N Awbery, Business Manager, Speenhamland School, Pelican Way, Newbury, West Berkshire, RG14 1NU.

Please return no later than midday on Wednesday 8 April

Do you agree with the proposal? Yes No Undecided

Which of the following best describes you?

- Parent of children currently attending Speenhamland School
- Parent of pre-school aged children currently attending another local Nursery
- A Governor at The Newbury Academy Trust
- A Member of staff at Speenhamland School
- Other – please specify

Name

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Address

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Your comments....

Please continue on a separate sheet if necessary.....