



Public consultation –

Proposed 2 Year Old Provision at Westlands First School and Nursery

This document contains information that will help you understand the issues surrounding this proposed change. An informal virtual drop-in session has been arranged to explain the proposal and to answer questions:

Date	Monday 8th December
Time	10 am
Venue	Westlands First School and Nursery

Dear Parents / Governors / Colleagues

Consultation on proposed *opening of Nursery Provision for 2 year olds of Westlands First School & Nursery*

This document explains:

- Why we feel it is appropriate to consider *extending our Nursery provision for 2 year olds*.
- The timescale for the consultation
- Who is being consulted
- What happens at the end of the consultation period

Have your say

It is very important that all those involved have a say. A copy of the response form can be downloaded from the school website or a hard copy picked up from the school office.

Responses must be submitted to:

Westlands First School, Farmers Way, Droitwich, WR9 9EQ

Or e-mail to *Office@westlands.worcs.sch.uk*

Responses must be received by noon on 10.12.25

Yours sincerely,

R.Roberts

Responses required by 10.12.25

Background information

Westlands First School and Nursery currently offer Nursery places for 3 and 4 year olds. After the closure of WANDs Nursery (separate to our school but located on our school site), parents have often requested places for their 2 year olds. We currently have a large classroom and outdoor space which is safe, secure and age appropriate with accessible toilets. This space is currently not used to it's full potential due to the falling numbers in our EYFS. Previously, when our EYFS numbers were healthier, this space was used for our school Nursery. Therefore, we would like to increase our Nursery offer and open up spaces to 2 year olds. We currently have Ofsted registration for 3 and 4 year olds and follow the EYFS statutory framework for learning and development, assessment and safeguarding and welfare requirements. We currently operate a Teacher-led Nursery, which would continue to be the model used for 2 year olds. All staff have the relevant qualification and experience necessary, including robust safeguarding training. All policies for Nursery are in-line with Local Authority policies and procedures.

The Proposal

We propose to open up to 15 spaces for 2 year olds within our current EYFS setting. We are hoping to offer these spaces from September 2026. We feel that offering our pupils the opportunity to begin their school journey with us at 2 will be beneficial to their emotional and educational wellbeing. We have regular Speech and Language support, and children starting our Nursery often require a high level of support in this area. By beginning their journey with us at 2 years old, we are confident that we can close the gap in some of these crucial areas and support the parents to ensure their children are fully school ready by reception age. Current situation for our school, is that we have a falling role, which has resulted in some classes being mixed age range. After meeting with the Local Authority, we feel that offering places from 2 year old will boost our numbers and maintain our current PAN.

Evidence of Demand

We have consulted with the Local Authority and completed a Sufficiency Assessment. This has confirmed that there is a demand for places in our catchment area. The DfE have identified sufficiency risk for 2 year old provision in the ward. The DfE have also identified that take up of funding for disadvantaged pupils is below the County Average. DfE readiness data (September 2025) also identifies a shortfall in two year old places identified. Feedback from current parental discussions has been positive and identified a need for this provision in our immediate local area. There are no other Nurseries within 1 mile of the school that offer a safe walking route for parents on the local estate.

Accommodation Required

We currently have a large classroom, which already has 3 small toilets, a wet floored area, a large carpet space. There is also a large outdoor area, although this needs significant improvements. To ensure a safe and secure Nursery area we would need to reconfigure the current space by making the following renovations

- Building a partition wall
- Building a small nappy changing area
- Renovating the garden, including re-surfacing paving slabs and removing old wooden structures.
- Building a new fence to ensure children are secure in the outdoor environment.
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How the decision will be made

At the conclusion of this consultation period the Governors will consider any issues that have been raised before deciding whether to proceed with the proposal.

The Governing Body will consider evidence from various sources in order to reach a considered view on the merits of the proposal. In particular the following factors:

- The response to the public consultation
- The quality of education provision at the school
- The ability of the school to manage the proposed change to support the continued improvements at the school
- Demand for places at the Westlands First School and Nursery and in the local area

Who is being consulted?

This document will be made available to:

- Parents and carers of pupils attending Westlands First School and Nursery
- Staff and Governors of other local schools
- Local District Councillor(s)
- The Local Authority
- Immediate neighbours
- Any other local stakeholder

What happens next?

Consultation Phase –

During the consultation phase anyone with an interest can express their views on the options expressed in this document. This document and the meeting detailed on the cover form part of the consultation.

Full Governing Body Decision – 10.12.25

The governors will take note of issues raised during the consultation. At the conclusion of the consultation period, a decision will be made whether agree to proceed with the proposal.

It is very important that all those involved have a say. Please submit your comments by noon on 10.12.25 by completing the online response form available on the school website office@westlands.worcs.sch.uk and WCC website at www.worcestershire.gov.uk/schoolconsultations. If you are unable to access the online response form you can obtain a paper copy from the school office.