



St Matthew's CE Academy

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Consultation for admission arrangements for St Matthew's Academy Ce, for the academic year 2019/20

What are we proposing?

In response to requests made by local parents over the last couple of years, St Matthew's Primary Academy CE are proposing to offer school nursery places. We believe that we can offer nursery provision of a high quality and that will give children a positive start to their school life. The school is proposing to have a Foundation Stage class instead of our current Reception class, this will enable us to offer nursery provision up to 12 children at any one time. In Stoke-on-Trent there has been a reduction in nursery places available, especially as our Stoke feeder nursery has become a specialist nursery for high need pupils. The proposed Foundation class will be run as part of school in our existing reception classroom.

If approved the arrangements would be introduced for September 2019

The proposal is considered to have the following educational benefits:

- Access for children to experience early educational activities to support their learning and development, as part of a wider school curriculum and led by a teacher
- Opportunities for children to attend nursery at the same site as their older siblings (Impacting positively on parents' time and provider).
- Strong and effective parental links developed from the earliest possible opportunity
- Ease of access for families who already know the Trust and school
- A single coherent curriculum for early years
- Continuity of provision which will reflect the ethos and culture of the school
- Early identification of vulnerable groups. This will mean that the needs of children can be identified as early as possible
- Facilitating better transition for the children into reception

The school is consulting on this proposal for four weeks, starting from Wednesday 12/12/2018 to Monday 7/1/2019

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St Matthew's are committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people. We expect all staff and volunteers to share this commitment.

