



Have your say on a proposal to change the age range of East Hoathly Primary School from 2-11 years to 3-11 years.

The Governing Board of Pioneer Federation Primary School would like to propose changing the age range of the school from 2-11 years to 3-11 years. The school intends to continue to offer childcare for up to **13 3-4 year old** children within an EYFS class that will include Reception aged pupils. This class will have a capacity of 28 pupils.

The reasons for this decision has been the difficulty in the recruitment and retention of Nursery staff and the financial viability of a standalone Nursery.

The aim of the proposal is to integrate, fully, nursery provision into the Foundation Stage offer within the school with an EYFS class. The EYFS class will be in the original nursery site. As part of this, we plan to develop a separate toileting/changing area and make it easier for children to access outdoor free-flow provision by extending and opening up the entrance ramp. The Governing Board's vision is to ensure that the nursery continues to support the local area and to offer high quality early education delivered by experienced and well-trained teachers and support staff across the Foundation Stage.

The Governing Board has consulted with Pioneer Leaders and discussed the change with Local Authority Early Years Organisation Managers & Early Years Consultants. They would now like to hear the views of parents and carers of children at the school, as well as staff, local schools and early years' providers, the local authority and community, and other interested parties on this proposal.

Senior Leaders have visited other schools who have integrated 3-4 year olds into an EYFS class and will be utilising this experience when setting up the new EYFS class.

The Governing Board will consider all comments received during the consultation before making a decision on the proposal. The timetable for the consultation is as follows:

- Consultation with stakeholders – **15th April - 10th May**
- Governing Board decision- **21st May**

You can have your say by contacting easthoathlyoffice@pioneerfederation.co.uk, you have until **Friday 10th May** to let us have your comments.

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Alan Brundle
Pioneer Chair of Governors

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James Procter
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