

# Ilfracombe Infant and Nursery School

## Consultation on a Proposal to Lower the Age Range

If you need a summary of this in a different format or in a different language contact the Strategic Planning Team on 01392 382057 or email: [schoolconsultations@devon.gov.uk](mailto:schoolconsultations@devon.gov.uk)

The closing date for responding to this consultation is **17 February 2022**.

### The Proposal

Ilfracombe Infant and Nursery School is a Community School with a registered age range of 3-7 years of age. The school has a nursery, located on the school site in a separate building, with generous outdoor space. The Nursery class provides places for 3- and 4-year-olds.

Devon County Council is now consulting on a proposal to lower the age range of the school from 3-7 to 2-7 years of age from April 2022. A change to the age range of a Community School requires a statutory process to be followed which includes a consultation and formal representation period.

As a temporary measure, due to the demand for places for 2-year-olds in the area, an extended service provision has been set up so that the school can admit 2-year-olds to the Nursery class before the age range of the school is formally lowered.

Parents will still need to make a separate application to Devon County Council for a place in the Reception class.

There will be no effect to the school's published admission number for school aged children and the proposal will not put pressure on classroom space as the 2-year-olds will be accommodated within the existing nursery provision. No capital funding is required for this proposal.

### The Process

We are currently distributing this leaflet widely. The Headteacher will be happy to discuss the proposals further.

The school, and Devon County Council as the decision maker, will carefully consider all you say, which will help us plan further for the future and we will keep you informed throughout the process on the [Devon County Council Consultation Webpage](#).

Your views will inform any decisions for future provision, taking into account Devon County Council's statutory responsibility to provide places for all pupils in Devon.

If the decision is made to proceed further with the proposals, then the timetable for the remainder of the process (assuming agreement to each stage) is likely to be:

Brief Notice issued and 4-week period for responses - **March 2022**

Devon County Council makes decision - **April 2022**

Implementation - **25 April 2022**

### **Responding to the consultation**

We would like to hear your views on this proposal.

You can respond to this consultation by:

emailing: [schoolconsultations@devon.gov.uk](mailto:schoolconsultations@devon.gov.uk)

or writing to:

Strategic Planning Children's Services, Room 120, Devon County Council, County Hall, Topsham Road, Exeter, EX2 4QD.

All responses will be shared with the school unless you request otherwise. Please note that all comments will be properly considered by the decision-makers, but we will not send individual responses to any specific points raised. The [Devon County Council Consultation Webpage](#) will be updated, and all statutory requirements complied with.

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