

**Gamesley Primary School, Grindleford Grove, Gamesley, Glossop, SK13 6HW
Consultation for extending the age range at the school
(from 4 – 11 years old to 2 – 11 years old) (November 2023)**

Context

We are writing to inform you of Victorious Academies Trust's proposal to make changes to Gamesley Primary School age range which currently covers children from Reception to Year 6 to include Nursery aged pupils from age 2 and above.

Gamesley Primary School is a 315-place primary school, part of Victorious Academies Trust. The school currently provides for pupils from 4 – 11 years old. The proposal is to extend the age range of the school so that children from the age of 2 upwards can be provided with an education at the school. The school already have the experience of delivering to children aged 2 and 3 years following the Headteacher of the adjacent EEC leaving the post in Spring 2023, the leadership of the EEC being subsequently provided by senior leaders at Gamesley Primary School and the co-location of the EEC in summer 2023 into the primary school site.

The EEC currently provides places for up to 52 nursery aged pupils for which space was available within the primary school footprint. The school has capacity for 315 pupils, but due to falling birth rates in the locality, the projected numbers for the school are decreasing which leaves the school with accommodation to house younger pupils.

Senior leaders at Gamesley Primary School took both the school and the Early Excellence Centre through successful Ofsted inspections in the summer term 2023.

Changes to the age range of a school require a statutory process to take place. This process involves consultation, representation, decision by the Trust, approval by the Department for Education and implementation.

What will be the impact of the changes to the age range on other pupils in the school?

We expect the changes would have a positive impact on provision at the school. Staff would work with the younger pupils and also work with teaching staff across the school to develop skills and expertise in responding to the pupils needs.

Why we are consulting on the above proposal?

We have a responsibility to consult with the wider community on any significant change to the organisation and structure of the school.

How can you have your say?

You can have your say by;

- Completing the online form via the [link here](#)
- Completing a paper copy requested from the school office; or
- Alternatively, you could email your response form to info@victoriousacademies.org.

How long is the consultation period?

The consultation period will begin on **30th November 2023** and close on **31 January 2024 (9 weeks)**.

If you have any further questions regarding the process or proposal, please do not hesitate to contact the Trust at info@victoriousacademies.org or contact the school on 01457 853721.

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