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Friday, 9th October 2015

Dear Parents and Carers,

Public Consultation: Nursery Class at Castle Camps

Following enquiries from families at Castle Camps and an initial informal consultation with the Local Authority, we are writing to consult with you on our plans to open a nursery provision at Castle Camps C.of E. (V.C.) Primary School. Specifically, the proposal is to extend the age range of the school from 4 – 11 Years to 3 – 11 Years.

The proposal has arisen as a result of the following:

- 1) An increased need for nursery provision in our locality
- 2) The need to offer a high quality educational experience for nursery age children that prepares them well for their future.

The nursery class would initially cater for children between three and four years old. Children could start the term after their third birthday. e.g. a child with a November birthday can start in January at the beginning of Spring Term.

This would mean taking some nursery aged children into school alongside our Reception pupils.

As you are aware, Castle Camps Primary School currently has an Outstanding Ofsted rating for Early Years provision. We believe that nursery education led by a qualified teacher, will provide the best possible start for children in our area.

The nursery places would be available for the maximum of 15 Early Years Education Funded Hours per week (8.50 – 11.50am daily). This would enable the Reception pupils to work as a smaller group every afternoon. The nursery class will use the same admissions criteria as is used for admission to the school.

We don't expect any significant increase in traffic as most attendees will be siblings, local or travelling on foot.

Your views

We would like the views of parents and carers, staff, and members of the community on our proposal that our school opens a Nursery Class in January 2016. Therefore, we would be grateful if you could complete this questionnaire and return it to the School Office by **Friday, 23rd October 2015**.

Our Governing Body will consider the responses before making a final recommendation to the Local Authority on whether it believes Castle Camps Primary School should lower its age range to accommodate a Nursery Class on site. Final approval is at the discretion of the Secretary of State for Education.

Yours sincerely,

Miss A. O'Connor
Headteacher



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Nursery Questionnaire

Do you agree in principle with the proposal to open a Foundation Stage Unit		Yes / No	
Please enter any comments:			
		Yes	No
Current childcare arrangements	Do you have pre-school children in your household?		
	If yes what ages are they?		
	Do you use childcare for these children at the moment?		
	If yes, who provides this care: <i>please tick all that apply</i> ☐ Childminder ☐ Nursery ☐ Friends/Family ☐ other		
	If no, is this because: ☐ No need for childcare ☐ Use family/friends ☐ Too expensive ☐ Unsuccessful in finding childcare		
Nursery age Places	Would you be interested in a Nursery age place for your child in the Foundation Stage Unit in January 2016?		
	Will you need a Nursery age place for your child in the future? If yes, please state the month and year they will be 3 years old		
	How many days a week do you think you would want a place for? 1 2 3 4 5		

	If possible please tell us which days you would ideally like a place for? ☐ ☐ ☐ ☐ ☐ Monday Tuesday Wednesday Thursday Friday
Lunch Club	Would you require lunch time provision at an additional cost? ☐ ☐ Yes No
Free Nursery Entitlement	Children aged 3 and over are entitled to free early years funding for up to 15 hours per week. The school would expect you to use your free early years funding to pay for your sessions in the Foundation Stage Unit.

Thank you for taking the time to complete this questionnaire.