

SECTION 19 (1) OF THE EDUCATION AND INSPECTIONS ACT 2006
Statutory proposal to change the age range of Manor Infant School,
Inverness Road, Portsmouth, PO1 5QR

Notice is given that Portsmouth City Council intends to make a change to the age range of Manor Infant School by 2 years so that the school becomes a school for pupils aged 2 to 7 years of age.

1. Contact details

Details of local authority publishing the proposal:

Portsmouth City Council, Civic Offices, Guildhall Square, Portsmouth, PO1 2EA.

Names and addresses of community maintained school involved:

Manor Infant School, Inverness Road, Portsmouth, PO1 5QR

2. Description of the alterations

This proposal is for a change of age range from 4 to 7 year to 2 to 7 years so that the nursery provision run by the school Governing Board formally becomes part of the school

3. Implementation

The change to the age range of the school would become effective on 1st September 2021

4. Reason for change:

Manor House Nursery took up residence in Manor Infant School in September 2016. The Nursery provision is operated by the school Governing Board under a different Unique Reference Number (URN) to the school. It is managed by an Early Years Foundation Stage Manager and the school Senior Leadership Team monitor and evaluate the provision. The finances of the Nursery are managed by the school Finance Manager; enquiries, booking up of sessions and children's information is managed by the schools SIMS manager.

The school has been running the nursery, highly successfully, since this time and the pre-school part of the nursery was inspected as part of the school by Ofsted in June 2017 and was judged to be good.

The school Governing Board now want the nursery provision to officially become part of the school and have approached the Local Authority to request a change in the age range of the school to make that possible. No other alterations to the provision are proposed. The objectives of this proposal are to improve educational standards and simplify the administration within the school and nursery by:-

- continuing to build upon and embed good practice in the nursery
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- developing the understanding of good Early Years practice across the nursery and year R to improve transition
- enabling the school, as an Early Adopter of the new Early Years Curriculum, to advise and support the nursery more effectively when this becomes statutory in September 2021
- simplifying management of the nursery and administration systems through recording nursery pupil records and information on the same database as the rest of the school which will improve Safeguarding practices and facilitate better assessment and tracking of pupil data

5. Pupil numbers and admissions

The admissions procedure for the school will not change and Portsmouth City Council's admissions policy will continue to be adhered to. Children in the pre-school/nursery class at Manor Infant School will need to apply for their statutory place (year R) in the starting school admissions round, as there is no automatic transfer to the year R group from the nursery class and no guarantee can be given that children from the nursery class will gain a place within the main school

6. Impact on the community

There would be no impact on the community as the nursery at the school will continue to operate from the same accommodation and be staffed by the same employees. The children currently attending the nursery provision would continue to attend the setting if the formal change is approved

7. Representations

Anyone can make a representation in respect of the proposal to change the age range of Manor Infant School until midnight on 16th June 2021 either by post to : Janet Andrews, Education, Portsmouth City Council, Floor 2 Core 6, Civic Offices, Guildhall Square, Portsmouth, PO1 2EA

Or

By email to: Janet.Andrews@portsmouthcc.gov.uk (please title your email Manor Infant proposal).

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