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# Formal Consultation to extend the age range of Langstone Primary School

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## Introduction

The purpose of the consultation is to seek views on the following proposal:

**“To extend the age-range at Langstone Primary School from 4-11 years to 3-11 years, in order to establish a nursery class at the school, with effect from September 2017.”**

It is your chance to ask questions and make comments that will be considered when the council decides how to proceed.

### **This formal consultation period:**

- **Begins on Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> March 2016**
- **Ends at midnight on Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> May 2016**

This proposal supports the Council’s vision for a seamless pathway throughout the education of a child with a smooth transition to statutory school provision. It is the Council’s intention that 3-11 education is provided on all community-maintained primary school sites.

We will build an extension to the school, creating four new classrooms. One of these classrooms will be for the nursery and the other three will allow us to replace the existing demountable classrooms which are in poor condition.

It is proposed that the nursery would host 24 full-time equivalent pupils with effect from September 2017.

## The Consultation Process

The consultation process represents an opportunity for people to learn about the proposal, ask questions and make comments that will be recorded and summarised in a consultation report. This report will be published on the Council’s website and will be considered when the Council decides on the way forward.

The consultation will involve two drop-in sessions with those most directly affected by the proposal, where Council officers will be on hand to explain the proposals in more details and answer any questions.

<b>Location</b>	<b>Date &amp; Time</b>	<b>Session</b>
Civic Centre, Newport, NP20 4UR	Tuesday 12 <sup>th</sup> April 2016, 2pm – 4pm	Drop-in event
Civic Centre, Newport, NP20 4UR	Friday 15 <sup>th</sup> April 2016, 9.30am – 11.30am	Drop-in event

Comments and questions can be submitted using the enclosed response pro-forma. This pro-forma will also be available at the drop-in sessions or can be downloaded from [www.newport.gov.uk/schoolreorg](http://www.newport.gov.uk/schoolreorg)

These responses should be returned to the Education Service Development Manager, Room 425w, Newport City Council, Civic Centre, Newport NP20 4UR. Alternatively comments and completed pro-formas can be returned by email to [school.reorg@newport.gov.uk](mailto:school.reorg@newport.gov.uk)

Social media facilities such as Twitter and Facebook will also be available.

Please note that responses made to this consultation will not be counted as objections to the proposal, they will be counted as adverse comments. Objections to a proposal can only be registered following the publication of a statutory notice. **The deadline for all responses is midnight on Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> May 2016.**

Following consultation, Newport City Council's Cabinet Member for Education & Young People will consider the views expressed and then decide whether to proceed with the proposal. If the decision is taken to proceed, a statutory notice will be published in the local press and at the school. The statutory notice period will last for 1 month from the date of publication and enables people to express their views in the form of supporting or objecting to the proposals.

If no objections are received following the publication of the statutory notice, Newport City Council's Cabinet Member for Education & Young People will make the final decision as to whether to proceed.

### **Arrangements for the participation of children and young people**

A Children and Young People's Everyday Summary Version of this consultation has been produced and is available from Langstone Primary School or from Newport City Council. The council will consult with pupils at Langstone Primary School through the school council. Copies of this consultation document and the Children and Young People's Everyday Summary Version of the consultation can be requested by emailing [school.reorg@newport.gov.uk](mailto:school.reorg@newport.gov.uk) or by telephoning 01633 656656.

### **Who will we consult with?**

- Teachers, staff and the governing body of Langstone Primary School;
- Parents, carers and guardians of pupils attending Langstone Primary school;
- Pupils at Langstone Primary School;
- Monmouthshire County Council as the neighbouring Local Authority with school catchment areas that border Newport;
- The Church in Wales, Diocese of Monmouth;
- Roman Catholic Archdiocese;
- The Headteacher and Governing body of Llanmartin Primary School, Ringland Primary School, Milton Infants School, Milton Junior Schools, St Gabriel's RC Primary School, Charles Williams Church in Wales Primary School and Caerleon Lodge Hill Primary School;
- The Welsh Ministers;
- Assembly Members (AMs) and Members of Parliament (MPs) representing the area served by any school which is subject to the proposals;
- Estyn;
- Teaching and staff trade unions representing teachers and staff at Langstone Primary School;

- The South East Wales Education Achievement Service;
- Local Authority Transport departments;
- The Police and Crime Commissioner for Gwent;
- Community Councils for Langstone, Penhow, and Llanvaches;
- The local Communities First partnership (or equivalent);
- The five independent childcare providers in Langstone and surrounding catchment areas;
- Newport Early Years Development and Childcare Partnership.

### **What do you have to consider?**

The remainder of this document sets out the rationale for the proposal. We would like you to consider the information contained within the document and to hear your views as to whether or not you support the proposal.

### **The Proposal**

The proposal concerns the provision of English-medium community-maintained education at Langstone Primary School, Old Roman Road, Newport NP18 2JU. The proposal is to extend the age range of Langstone Primary School from 4-11 years to 3-11 years, thereby establishing a 24 place nursery class at the school.

The nursery will be provided in a new build extension from the current school building. This will improve accessibility to the school and provide a much improved environment for teaching and learning.

### **Early Years - Provision and Standards**

This proposal to extend the age range of the school supports the Council's vision for a seamless pathway throughout the education of a child and serves to improve transition to statutory school provision.

Each of the Newport community-maintained schools within, and neighbouring, the catchment area already has half-day nursery provision, for either a morning or afternoon session, within the school setting, as does Charles Williams Church in Wales Primary School. St. Gabriel's Roman Catholic Primary School does not have a nursery class, although a private non-maintained early years provider operates from the site.

There are five non-maintained early years providers in the area local to Langstone, although only one of these operates from within the school catchment area. This provides a morning-only playgroup where the Council currently funds 12 places. Details of the numbers of funded children on roll and Estyn inspections for the non-maintained providers in the catchment and neighbouring areas are outlined overleaf. For information, these providers may also have additional children registered for childcare outside the funded placement arrangements:

Non-maintained settings in Newport East			
Provider/ setting	Registered Capacity	AM/PM session	No. of funded children registered
Langstone Playgroup	24	AM only	12
Babes in the Wood, Llanmartin	24	AM & PM	11
Little Angels, St. Gabriel's	24	AM only	20
Osborne Children's Nursery	16	Full day care 08:00 – 18:00	16
Caerleon Cherubs	20	AM only	6

Estyn is the office of Her Majesty's Chief Inspector of Education and Training in Wales. Together with the Care and Social Services Inspectorate Wales (CSSIW), Estyn is responsible for inspecting standards in funded nursery provision. Inspection outcomes for these non-maintained providers outlined below:

Provider/ setting	Inspection date	Outcomes	Provision	Leadership and management
Langstone Playgroup	November 2011	Good	Good	Good
Babes in the Wood, Llanmartin	January 2012	Good	Good	Good
Little Angels, St. Gabriel's I	March 2011	Good	Good	Good
Caerleon Cherubs	November 2015	Good	Good	Good

A Joint CSSIW and Estyn Inspection Framework pilot commenced in September 2015, with evaluations being based on a four-point scale for each of the nominated six themes. Osborne's Day Nursery was a pilot setting for this Joint Inspection Framework in November 2015, and the inspection outcomes are **Good** for *Wellbeing, Learning and Teaching & Assessment*, and **Adequate** for *Care & Development, Environment and Leadership & Management*.

### Statutory Primary Education - Provision and Standards

Langstone Primary school was originally built in around 1955 as a single form entry school. Due to the demand for school places, additional temporary classrooms were added in the 1980s, thereby increasing the capacity of the school to 315, making the school 1.5 form entry with a published admission number of 45 pupils per year group for Reception to Year Six.

The school currently provides education for 307 children aged between 4 and 11 years in 11 classes (as per the September 2015 Class Count census). Three of these classes are mixed age classes and there is currently no nursery provision at the school.

The following tables detail the past and projected pupil numbers for Langstone Primary School and their nearest English-medium community-maintained primary school neighbours, Milton Infant School, Milton Junior School and Llanmartin Primary School:

<b>Primary School pupil numbers 2011-2015 Reception to Year 6 (excluding nursery)</b>							
School	Capacity	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	Surplus places 2015
Langstone Primary	315	289	295	285	296	301	14
Milton Infants	264	152	164	166	201	199	65
Milton Junior	260	232	229	213	207	207	53
Llanmartin Primary	210	180	174	172	178	174	36

*Pupil numbers are January PLASC submission for Reception to Year 6*

<b>Nursery pupil numbers 2011-2015</b>					
School	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015
Langstone Primary	-	-	-	-	-
Milton Infants	84	69	78	83	76
Llanmartin Primary	25	32	27	12	24

*Pupil numbers are January PLASC submission*

<b>Primary School pupil projections 2016-2020 Reception – Year 6 (excluding nursery)</b>							
School	Capacity	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	Surplus places 2020
Langstone Primary	315	302	297	309	319	319	-4
Milton Infants	264	201	207	208	200	193	71
Milton Junior	260	213	227	253	252	259	1
Llanmartin Primary	210	169	170	166	168	165	45

*These projections are based on birth rates and do **not** include the anticipated impact of new housing developments.*

Quality and standards in schools in Newport are monitored by Estyn and the Local Authority (LA). Estyn is the office of Her Majesty's Chief Inspector of Education and Training in Wales. It is a Crown body, established under the Education Act 1992. Estyn is independent of the National Assembly for Wales but receives its funding from the Welsh Government under Section 104 of the Government of Wales Act 1998. Estyn inspects quality and standards in education and training providers in Wales. The outcomes of Estyn's inspections of the schools concerned within this proposal are shown below. Please note that the Estyn Inspection framework changed in 2010 and thus the inspection outcomes are presented in two tables.

School	Inspection Date	Outcomes	Provision	Leadership & Management	Overall Summary	
					Performance	Prospects for improvement
Langstone Primary	June 2014	Excellent	Good	Excellent	Excellent	Excellent
Milton Infants	November 2013	Excellent	Excellent	Excellent	Excellent	Excellent
Milton Junior	November 2010	Excellent	Excellent	Excellent	Excellent	Excellent

School	Inspection Date	KQ1	KQ2	KQ3	KQ4	KQ5	KQ6	KQ7
Llanmartin Primary	March 2009	2	2	2	2	2	2	2
<i>Grades are attributed from 1 (good with outstanding features) to 5 (many important shortcomings)</i>								

Langstone Primary School has been above the median in its Free School Meals (FSM) benchmarking group for the last three years in pupils achieving the Foundation Phase expected outcome (Year 2) and for those achieving the expected level – Core Subject Indicator - at Key Stage 2 (Year 6). Attendance at the school is slightly above the FSM group median at 96.1% (2014).

The South East Wales Education Achievement Service has placed the school in the “Green” colour coded support category (in the range Green, Yellow, Amber, Red). This indicates that the school is considered to be highly effective with strong leadership.

The Council believes that the proposal will have a positive impact on the quality of educational outcomes and provision in the area. Extending the age range of the school will improve learner transition through effective curriculum continuity in the Foundation Phase and subsequently into Key Stage 2 and will also serve to increase the number of high quality early years education places in the catchment area.

## Building condition

The buildings at Langstone primary school were inspected as part of the 21<sup>st</sup> Century Schools surveys in 2010. The school was judged to be in condition C overall, on a scale of A (excellent) to D (poor), with three demountable classrooms being in poor condition. The backlog maintenance value for the school is estimated at £430,000.

## What Will The Proposal Provide?

The proposal is to create a new build extension which will include a nursery class. The proposal will extend the age range of the school from 4-11 to 3-11 through the creation of a 24 place nursery class (am and pm sessions).

## Special Educational Needs Provision

Pupils with special educational needs are supported in accessing mainstream education at Langstone Primary School, and appropriate arrangements are put in place following an assessment of the individual child. This proposal will not have an adverse effect on these arrangements.

## Accessibility

The new build nursery extension will be fully accessible and DDA compliant. It will be situated to the south east of the existing school building and will be linked to the existing building by a corridor. An impression of the site plan is shown below:



### **When Will This Work Be Completed?**

It is proposed that the nursery will be completed in readiness for September 2017. The age range of the school will therefore be extended with effect from this date, enabling a 24-place nursery class to open at the school.

### **Cost**

The project includes demountable replacement which will benefit all the school pupils. The budget for the project is circa £1.35m. This is a combination of Newport City Council capital investment and Welsh Government match funding through the 21<sup>st</sup> Century Schools Programme, together with Section 106 monies received by Newport City Council from developers to supply appropriate school places in the area.

This can be presented as a cost of approximately £3,900 per pupil place. The additional staffing costs due to the additional nursery class are anticipated to be in the region of £70,000 per annum. There will be no additional transport costs incurred as a result of this proposal.

### **Alternative Options considered**

**Do nothing** –Maintain the existing age range of 4-11, with funded early years places available in the local area via a range of providers.

**Do medium - Extend the age range from 4-11 to 3-11** - This option would enable the establishment of a nursery class but this would be a single class extension with the retention of the three existing demountable classrooms.

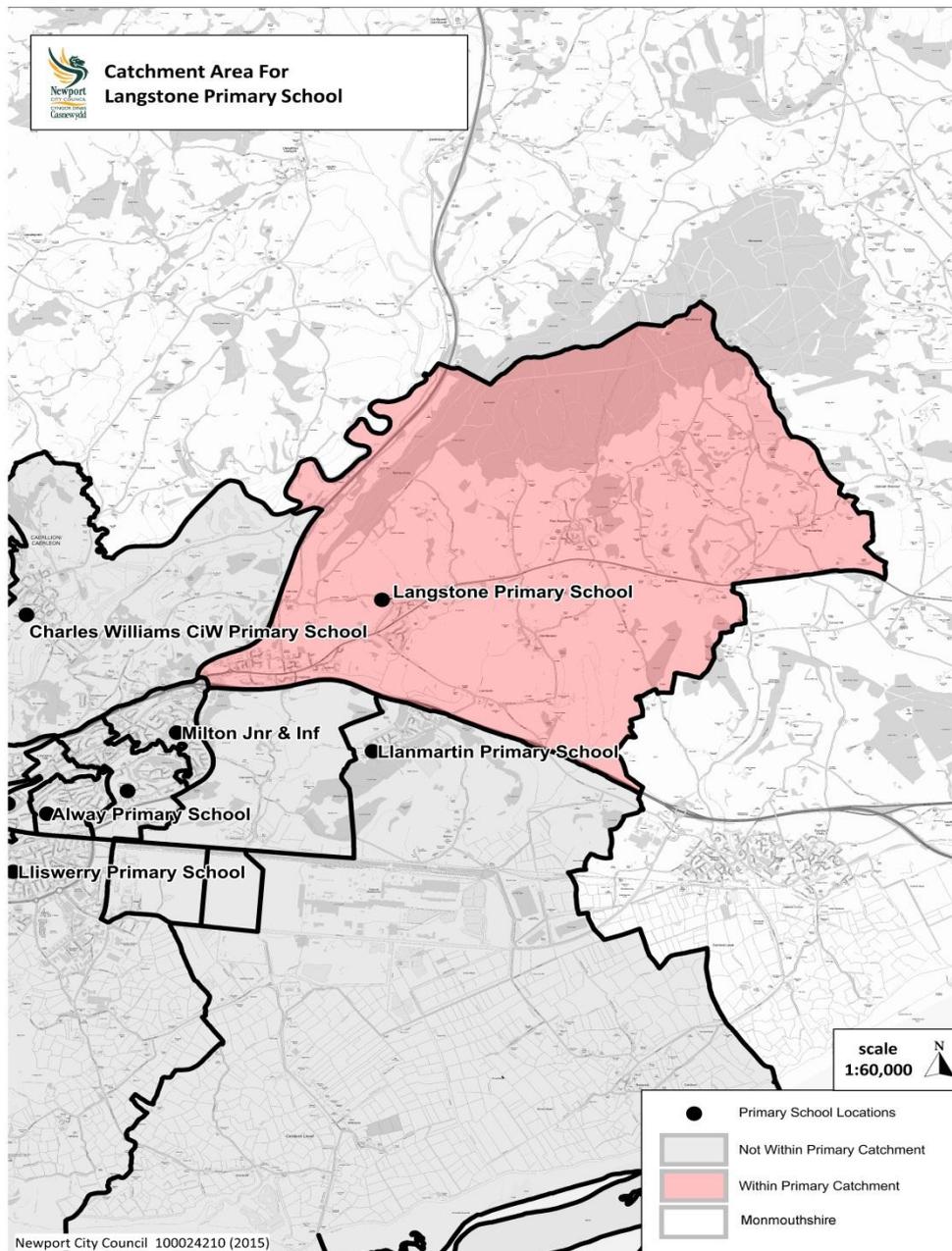
**Do major - Extend the age range from 4-11 to 3-11 and replace the existing demountable classrooms** – This option would enable removal of the three demountable classrooms and the creation of a four classroom extension to accommodate these three classes plus a nursery. This would provide a permanent modern learning environment and facilitate an extension in the school age-range to support a seamless pathway to learning and support transition into statutory primary education. As a result all of the pupils benefit.

### **What will the preferred proposal achieve?**

The preferred proposal will provide a modern new nursery building, providing improved learning environments for pupils. This will also enable the age range of the school to be extended to 3-11 and will support the creation of a nursery class to facilitate a seamless transition to statutory education.

## Catchment area

The Langstone Primary School catchment area is shown below. There is no intention to change the catchment area.



## Admissions

Newport City Council will be the admissions authority for the school and the nursery. Information on how to apply for nursery places can be found on the council website at [www.newport.gov.uk/nurseryplaces](http://www.newport.gov.uk/nurseryplaces) and information on how to apply for primary school places can be found at [www.newport.gov.uk/schooladmissions](http://www.newport.gov.uk/schooladmissions)

All children resident in Newport are entitled to a free part-time education place in the term after their third birthday. This place can be in a council nursery school/class or in a non-maintained setting, which may be a playgroup or a private day nursery. The council does not deal with applications to registered education provider settings, and enquiries regarding these should be made directly to the provider in the first instance.

The council actively discourages the practice of parents registering their child's name at a specific school often sometime in advance of the application timetable. There is no role for Headteachers in the allocation of nursery places as this is the sole responsibility of the council. In schools where nursery applications are in excess of the number of places available, the council will apply its oversubscription criteria to allocate places. Admission to nursery schools and classes is for half-day, either morning or afternoon, five days per week.

The allocation of morning and afternoon places is the responsibility of the Headteacher of the relevant school. The council is unable to consider applications for only part of a school week.

### **Transport**

Free home to school transport is provided to primary aged pupils who live more than two miles from their catchment school or nearest available school. Funded transport is not provided for nursery age children.

### **Staffing**

Additional staff will be required for the nursery class, and the school will therefore need to appoint an additional teacher and two teaching assistants for this purpose.

### **Advantages and Disadvantages**

The advantages of this proposal are:

- An improved seamless transition pathway into mainstream school
- Sufficient funded nursery places in the area to support parental choice
- Safe and reliable educational setting
- Well established leadership team
- Improved conditions to support the provision of high quality education and positive outcomes for all pupils

The disadvantages of this proposal are:

- There is likely to be some small increase in drop-off and pick-up traffic through the school day
- There will disruption on site and restricted access during the build programme

## Risks

The risks associated with this proposal, and mitigating factors are listed below:

Risk	Mitigating factor
The additional pupils will result in additional traffic and parking issues	Additional parking spaces will be provided as part of the project. However it is acknowledged that traffic will need to be effectively managed on the site. A School Travel Plan will be submitted with the planning application and the school will consider start and finish times for the nursery to minimise traffic impact
Disruption and potential safety issues during the construction period.	There will inevitably be some disruption while the building work is completed. This work will be timetabled to minimise disruption and appropriate safety measures will be taken to ensure pupil safety at all times.

## Impact assessments

A fairness and equalities impact assessment has been conducted for this proposal and is available on the council website.

# Consultation Response Pro-forma

## Extension to the age range of Langstone Primary School

Your views matter. Please tell us what you think about the proposal by completing this questionnaire and returning it to the Education Service Development Manager, Newport City Council, Room 425W, Civic Centre, Newport NP20 4UR. Alternatively you can email your response to [school.reorg@newport.gov.uk](mailto:school.reorg@newport.gov.uk)

**The closing date for the submission of responses to this consultation is midnight on 4th May 2016.**

Please note that negative responses made to this consultation will not be counted as objections to the proposal, they will be recorded as adverse comments. Objections can only be registered following the publication of a statutory notice.

**Do you support the proposal to extend the age range from 4-11 to 3-11 and create a nursery class for Langstone Primary School?**

Yes  No

**Please use the box below to give any reasons or comments (including alternative options).**

Please indicate who you are (e.g. parent/carer of a child attending a local nursery)

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If you wish to be notified of the publication of the consultation report, please supply your contact details:

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