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Dear Consultee

IRTHINGTON VILLAGE COMMUNITY SCHOOL - CONSULTATION ON PROPOSED NURSERY PROVISION

The county council is consulting on an option for provision of a maintained nursery at Irthington Village School, Irthington, Carlisle CA6 4NJ. The purpose of this letter is to invite comments on this possibility.

In order to establish a nursery at Irthington Village School, the county council have to undertake a 'change of age range', from the current 4-11 age range to 3-11 age range. It can only do this after consulting parents and others that may be affected. Having considered your views, the county council would then decide whether or not to publish formal proposals in order to bring about the change of age range.

It is anticipated that the proposed nursery class would initially operate one session each day (Monday to Friday) and those sessions will be three hours duration each. It is proposed that these sessions will be from 9.00am to 12.00 noon, Monday to Friday, during term time.

There is existing childcare within Carlisle Rural Sure Start Children's Centre Footprint; however, it is envisaged that there may be additional demand on early years provision, due to the new legislation with regard to funded 2 year old places for eligible families, with a subsequent need for additional 3 year old places.

Irthington Village School has already fully embraced the Early Years Foundation Stage (EYFS) curriculum and all requirements have been followed. So, in practice, the children currently attending will see no difference to their provision. Nursery children will continue to be incorporated fully into the school.

It is not anticipated that the opening times of the school will be changed. It has been found that parents who use the existing facility often have other children at the school and it makes more sense to operate at a time which will suit them, i.e. parents only need to make one trip per day to drop off their children. Indeed, parents using the current facility have indicated that this arrangement is the most suitable to them.

It is not intended, as an integral part of this proposal, to offer care other than during the standard education nursery sessions. Were the change of age range to be approved, the pupils would be taught with Reception age pupils. The children would follow the foundation stage of the National Curriculum. The maximum number of children who would be catered for during each session is likely to be 8.

Children will be eligible to attend the nursery from the start of the term following their third birthday and will be fully integrated into the school. Nursery education is not statutory and parents can choose whether they wish to take up their entitlement of a free place.

Funding arrangements for the nursery provision will fall under the main school budget.

The published admission number (PAN) for admission to the Reception class at the school is currently 8 (i.e. for entry in 2012/13). The school capacity is 56 and the current number on roll at the school is 47. Were a proposal to be published following this consultation the statutory notice would confirm the nursery admission number to be used in September 2013. It is not intended that any pupils who would wish to attend the school be precluded as a result of the establishment of a nursery.

Admission to the nursery would be in accordance with the authority's 'nursery admission policy'. Admission to the nursery would not guarantee a place in the Reception group of the school as that is governed by a separate policy.

If the proposal is approved, transport will not be provided for children aged 3 and 4 years old attending nursery at Irthington Village School. The county council only provides transport to children attending Reception and above, in line with the School Transport Policy.

The issue of this document marks the beginning of a period of consultation during which the views of any interested parties are sought. These views will be considered before any move to the next stage of the process happens. Dependent upon the outcome of this consultation, a decision on whether to proceed in issuing a statutory notice must be made by Cumbria County Council's Cabinet. The School Organisation and Governance Regulations mean that, if a council proposes to change an age range their proposal must be published in a statutory notice. Following publication of statutory notices representations can be made on the proposals. This period lasts for six weeks. Within two months after the six week representation period ends, the county council must make a decision on the proposal. If the proposal is approved then it is likely that changes would be implemented from January 2013.

The consultation period will commence on **18 June 2012** and run for the next **6 weeks** ending on **30 July 2012**. Further information on the school's plans can be found on the county council's website:

www.cumbria.gov.uk/childrenservices/school-organisation.

Any comments you have on the possible nursery provision should be sent to School Organisation, Parkhouse Building, Kingmoor Business Park, Carlisle, Cumbria, CA6 4SJ by **30 July 2012**.

It is important that the county council knows your views before the Cabinet decides what to do next. Please respond by completing the questionnaire in this document or by email to school.organisation@cumbria.gov.uk or on-line at: (Use the link below to complete the questionnaire contained in this document on-line):
www.opinionsuite.com/cumbria/cumbria-county-council

You are invited to a consultation event so that you can find out more about the proposal. A meeting for staff and governors will be held from **5pm**. There will be a presentation from council officers and an opportunity for questions at **6.30pm** for **parents and members of the public**. Events will be held:

Location
Irthington Village School

Date and time
12 July 2012
Staff and Governors 5pm – 6pm
Parents and members of the public 6.30pm -7.30pm

Yours sincerely



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Duncan Fairbairn
Cabinet Member
Schools & Learning

If you require this consultation document in another format (e.g. CD, audio cassette, Braille or large type) or in another language, please telephone 01228 606060.

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REPLY SLIP – Please send by **30 July 2012** to Cumbria County Council, School Organisation, Parkhouse Building, Kingmoor Business Park, Carlisle, Cumbria CA6 4SJ.

Irthington Village Community Primary School

Proposal for change of age range to establish maintained nursery provision.

Please tick:

I support the proposal []

I do not support the proposal []

Additional comments

Please indicate your interest in this proposal by ticking one of the boxes below. I am:

A parent of a pupil at Irthington Village Primary School []

A parent/prospective parent of a child attending the existing nursery at Irthington Village Primary School []

A member of staff at Irthington Village Primary School []

A Governor at Irthington Village Primary School []

A member of the local community []

Other (please indicate)..... []

Name (Please print).....

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