



## **Consultation to extend nursery provision at Ings Farm Primary School**

# Provision Arrangements for Nursery Children – Ings Farm Primary School

## CONSULTATION 4<sup>th</sup> DECEMBER 2024 – 24<sup>th</sup> DECEMBER 2024

**DfE requirement to consult on proposed changes to provision for nursery aged children:**

***PROPOSED CHANGE:*** applies to Ings Farm Primary School, Stirling Road, Redcar, TS10 2JZ.

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### **1. Purpose**

1.1 The purpose of this document is to consult with the stakeholders of Ings Farm Primary School regarding Nursery provision.

### **2. Proposed change**

2.1 To increase nursery provision for 3–4-year-olds at Ings Farm Primary School from 91 part time places to 104 places, 26 of which will be 30 hours

### **3. Rationale**

3.1 Demand for provision, particularly 30 hours has increased following the recent change to funding making it more accessible to working families. To date, the school only offers 15-hour places.

3.2 Available space has previously been a restricting factor to making a 30-hour offer, however from November 2024, the caretaker's house and grounds have been vacated.

3.3 The building and grounds previously occupied by the school caretaker are separate from the main school building and with some renovation would make an ideal nursery with a separate outdoor play area and entrance/exit points

3.4 Nursery provision is important, it supports children's social, emotional, physical and cognitive preparedness for reception class. An increase in places would ensure all children have a good transition into the main school as provision will be continuous.

3.5 Many of the families Ings Farm Primary School serves are working, the introduction of 30 hours will enable those families to send their children to the Nursery of their choice (i.e. the school they would wish their child to go to when they reach reception class age)

#### **4. Further considerations**

- 4.1 The renovation of the former caretaker's house and grounds will begin following a grant assessment from the DfE, as well as local authority planning permission. It is likely that the Trust will progress with the renovation should the grant application be unsuccessful.
- 4.2 Timings for the opening of the nursery are yet to be fully determined, however it is anticipated that the latest date will be 01.09.25

#### **5. Consultation**

The consultation will run from 4<sup>th</sup> December 2024 to 24<sup>th</sup> December 2024 and is available on the Trust and school websites.

Stakeholders are invited to comment on the following proposal:

Ings Farm Primary School will increase its nursery provision from 91 part time places to 104 places, 26 of which will be 30 hours. The nursery will be in the building and grounds formally occupied by the school caretaker.

Any comments about the above proposal should be forwarded to Tim Bethell, Headteacher at [office@ingsfarmprimary.co.uk](mailto:office@ingsfarmprimary.co.uk) or to Ings Farm Primary School, Stirling Road, Redcar, TS10 2JZ.