



Consultation Letter to undertake a Section 27, Governor led Pre-School

Dear all,

Following discussions with our staff, Governors and the school community, we are excited to announce that the decision has been taken to open a Governor led pre-school at Caton St Paul's C of E Primary School from September 2021. As part of this process, we are consulting the views of the wider community.

The proposal is to open a Pre-school on site to cater for children aged 3-4 under Section 27 of the Education Act 2002. OFSTED will inspect the pre-school when they inspect the main school, thus ensuring consistency and quality of provision.

Caton St Paul's pre-school will be run as part of an Early Years Foundation Stage (EYFS) unit, involving an extension of our current Reception class space, as well as an extension of our outdoor area to allow for regular outdoor learning to take place. This larger area will be expertly arranged and divided to ensure that both Reception and Pre-school children receive the targeted provision they need. The EYFS curriculum covers all children aged 3-5, thus meaning children in both Reception and Pre-school can access this provision at their own level, allowing us to ensure continued high expectations of our Reception children.

Our staff are highly skilled and experienced at working within the Early Years Foundation Stage. There will be a qualified EYFS teacher overseeing the whole unit, with two Level 3 Teaching Assistants (TA) working with the children. The teacher will have responsibility for teaching the Reception children with a Level 3 TA responsible for overseeing Pre-school provision. Children will mix when appropriate, but will also have the benefit of targeted time with children of their own age.

The structure of the day at Caton St Paul's Pre-school will consist of two 3-hour sessions (8:45 – 11:45am and 12:15- 3:15pm), as well as before/after school provision in our Wrap Around Care club from 7:45am – 8:45am and 3:15pm - 5:30pm. 30 hours of free provision will be available for eligible children and these can be used for wraparound care, as well as lunchtime. The Pre-school will run on a term-time only basis, thus aligning with the rest of school.

Pre-school children will have access to all the benefits of our school and will be seamlessly integrated into school life. They will have use of the forest school area, cinder track, eat lunch with our school children (when ready), be invited to school events and have access to the EYFS curriculum, thus preparing them for when they start school at age 4.

This consultation period ends on Friday 21 May. Please send any comments, feedback or questions to head@stpauls.lancs.sch.uk.

Please contact school for any further information
Kind regards

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'One family, belonging, believing and learning together'

'So in Christ we, though many, form one body, and each member belongs to all the others'
Romans 12:5