



St Cuthbert's Nursery Consultation

Proposal to lower the age range of St Cuthbert's Catholic Primary School to create a Nursery Provision

- **Government Grant:**

A new grant aims to increase school-based nurseries in state schools with existing EYFS provision.

- **Repurposing Buildings:**

Schools with existing buildings, like the studio, can be repurposed for nursery use.

- **Childcare Expansion:**

The Early Education and Childcare Expansion 2024-2025 allows working parents of 2-year-olds to access 15 hours of childcare, and 3- and 4-year-olds to access 30 hours.





- **National Need:** There is a national need for more nursery places, preferably within schools.
- **Approval for Investigation:** The Xavier Catholic Education Trust and the Diocese of A&B have approved schools to explore nursery provision.
- **Existing Success:** The Trust already has successful nurseries at St Charles Borromeo School and St Joseph's Catholic Primary School



Community Support: The idea of a St Cuthberts Nursery is supported due to the school's excellent Reception provision and strong community relationships.

Qualified Teacher: Children would be taught by a qualified teacher, aiding transition to Reception, especially for those with additional needs.

- **Family Convenience:**

Families with younger siblings would benefit from a single drop-off point, reducing traffic and simplifying routines.

- **Additional Benefits:**

The nursery would offer wraparound hours, potential holiday openings, and provide revenue to support the main school budget.



Q&A



1. As the age range from 2-4 is quite vast - is there consideration to split 2-3 and 3-4 year olds so that phonics for example could be introduced more easily to the older ones, whilst the 2 year olds may not be ready?

Yes, each age range would be catered for in the ratio of staff. Although all the children will benefit from the qualified the teacher, their focus would certainly be on preparing them for the transition to reception. The older children will also benefit from where possible being involved in activities alongside some of their peers in reception.

2. Will the children in nursery benefit from the schools breakfast club and after school provision.

The nursery will have its own wrap around provision. So the working day for parents would be covered.

3. How will you keep in touch with those who are not interested but not parents.

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4. Concerns around parking and space being taken from the current children.

We hope that the opening of the nursery will help the parking due to the fact that families may only need to drop at one place and can therefore walk from home, there will be the option for wrap around so not everyone will be dropping off at the same time. With regards space – no other space other than the studio, which is not often used, will be taken from the current students. No playground or field space will be taken up.