



## **Fellgate Primary School**

### **Consultation on Change of Age Range**

#### **Proposal**

Fellgate Primary School is consulting on a proposal to lower the age range of Fellgate Primary School from 4-11 to 3-11 years of age with effect from September 2025.

#### **Background**

The school currently has a reception class for children aged between 4 and 5 years old. Parents will still need to make a separate application to South Tyneside County Council for a place in the reception class. Changes to the age range of an Academy requires a consultation to take place 3-4 weeks before the application for a School Based Nursery is completed.

#### **Benefits of the proposal**

This will remove a transition point for some children. Our reception children currently attend many different providers for Nursery provision. By enabling children to start in nursery we will provide greater consistency and continuity for children before starting at school which will enable staff to make a more significant impact and identify children's needs well before they start in the reception class.

#### **Capital and Planning**

Changing the age range will not affect the school's net capacity or published admission number for school aged children and will not put pressure on existing classroom space.

It is confirmed that capital will be required to implement this proposal. Easily accessible toilets will need to be added to the area.

#### **Responding to the consultation**

We welcome responses on this proposal by the closing date of 4 December 2024 either by: Emailing: [info@fellgate.org.uk](mailto:info@fellgate.org.uk) or by: Post, to: Fellgate Primary School, Oxford Way, Jarrow, NE32 4XA.

All responses to the consultation will be considered and will be shared with the school's leadership team and governors, unless you request otherwise.

#### **The process**

This consultation will run from 15th November 2024 to 6<sup>th</sup> December 2024.

