



**Frequently Asked Questions**  
**NURSERY PROVISION**  
**FOR 3 AND 4 YEAR OLDS AT**  
**CLIPSTON ENDOWED VC PRIMARY SCHOOL**  
**Consultation 25<sup>th</sup> May – 29<sup>th</sup> June 2023**

# Frequently Asked Questions

Where will the Nursery Provision be located?	Nursery Provision will be located within the existing Early Years Classroom, with the Early Years Reception pupils, using the same facilities – the classroom, school hall, enclosed outside area, school grounds, resources and equipment.
How many Nursery Places will there be?	There will be a maximum of 10 Nursery places.
When can a child start?	Children can take up a place <u>in the year before they start school</u> i.e. if they are 3years old by 31 <sup>st</sup> August they can enroll for that September, for the academic year in which they turn 4 years old (the year before they start school).
What times will the sessions run?	Term time only, following the school's term dates. The day begins at 8.45am. The morning session will finish at 11.45am Lunch will be from 11.45am until 12.45pm The afternoon session will run from 12.45pm until 3.15pm The total number of hours on offer per week is 32.5hours.
Can my child attend part-time?	Yes – they can attend for morning sessions only, if you wish, or a combination of full days and mornings-only, plus lunch. All children will arrive at 8.45am. Children can leave at 11.45am, or 12.45pm or 3.15pm. Children cannot arrive at 11.45am, or 12.45pm.
How will I enroll my child?	The school will be responsible for admissions. Parents will be able to enroll their child by contacting the School Office.
Can I use my free Universal Nursery childcare?	Yes. Parents with 15 Universal Hours or 30 Extended Entitlement Hours of free childcare can access this provision. Additional hours can be “topped up” at a fee of £5.50 per hour or £2.50 per half-hour. So, for example, if your child is attending full time for 5 days a week (32.5 hours) and you have a 30 hour Extended Childcare Entitlement, the private top-up fee will be £12.50 per week.
When will the Nursery Provision open?	The Local Authority is manging the Age-Range Change and this process is not within the school's control. Subject to this, if the proposal goes ahead, we intend that the Nursery Provision at Clipston will open no later than January 2024.
Will my child be able to have school dinners?	We intend that Nursery children staying for lunch will either eat a packed lunch brought from home, or access the same menus that the school children enjoy, provided by Kingswood Catering. These meals will be ordered online and at the moment cost £2.10 per day. <a href="http://www.kingswoodcatering.co.uk">www.kingswoodcatering.co.uk</a> Nursery children will eat their lunch in the Hall with the Reception children.
Will the Nursery children have to wear school uniform?	No. Nursery children will wear their own non-school uniform clothes.

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Why are we proposing to lower the age range of the school to accommodate 3 year olds?

We believe that we have excellent Early Years Foundation Stage provision at Clipston. There are 15 school-aged places in the classroom. By extending the provision to include 3 year olds, these children will have the same curriculum offer as the Reception pupils, based on the Early Years Foundation Stage curriculum. By learning alongside the Reception pupils, Nursery children will have a smooth transition to “Big School”, know the school routines before they start and be familiar with the staff. Provision and learning for every child will be planned and overseen by a Qualified Teacher. Parents in the local area will have the convenience of “open every day during term time” provision if they need it, in the same place as any older children they may have.

Who is involved in the consultation process?

The Consultation runs from 25<sup>th</sup> May to 29<sup>th</sup> June 2023

The Diocese and the Trustees have all approved the Proposal as outlined. The Board of Governors met and approved the proposal on 4<sup>th</sup> May 2023. The Local Authority will manage the process of officially changing the school’s age range from 4-11years to 3-11 years, which has to be approved by West Northamptonshire Cabinet. The school will circulate notification of the Consultation to school parents, staff, the wider community, key stakeholders including Stepping Stones, and the Local Authority will also carry out a public consultation on the proposal. Anyone can respond to the proposals during the Consultation by emailing: [Office@clipston.northants.sch.uk](mailto:Office@clipston.northants.sch.uk)

Will Stepping Stones Preschool be affected?

Parents will be able to choose whether their pre-school child attends Stepping Stones or the Nursery provision at school, or any other setting they choose. This may mean that numbers of 3 year olds at Stepping Stones reduces, possibly increasing the spaces available for 2+year olds. By providing Nursery Provision within the Early Years classroom at Clipston School, we are increasing the choice for parents. The proposed Nursery Provision at school, will be addition to local childminders, Stepping Stones and local Day Nurseries.

I am concerned that there will be an increase in traffic.

We understand your concerns. However, in reality, with only 10 Nursery places, the increase in traffic will be minimal. Over recent years, the Number on Roll at school has dropped by around a dozen, and so the additional children attending Nursery provision won’t impact significantly on traffic, over and above that seen in the village in recent years. Parking is available at the Village Hall and the Recreation Ground and - at all times - parents will be asked to park considerately.

Will my child be able to use the school bus?

No. The school bus service is procured by the Local Authority for school children only.

How many staff will be available to support my child?

There are currently two staff in the Reception Class. Regardless of how many additional Nursery children are attending on any given day, there will be an additional Early Years Qualified member of staff. This means that if the Reception is full at 15 pupils and the Nursery is full at 10 children, there will be 25 children and 3 staff.