



RE: Consultation on Proposal to Establish a Nursery Provision at Marston Montgomery Primary School

20th September 2026

Dear Parent / Carer / Stakeholder,

Proposal to Establish a Nursery at Marston Montgomery Primary School

The Local Trust Committee of Marston Montgomery Primary School is consulting on a proposal to establish a nursery provision at from September 2027 or as soon as possible hereafter.

The proposed nursery would provide early years education for children aged 3 and 4 years, enabling children to access high-quality education and care before they enter Reception. The school would continue to offer its existing Reception intake and this proposal would not affect the number of Reception places currently available.

Why Are We Proposing This Change?

We believe that introducing a nursery would:

- Increase access to high-quality early years education for local families.
- Support children's learning and development before they start school.
- Strengthen continuity between nursery and Reception.
- Help children develop confidence, independence and readiness for school.
- Enhance the range of educational opportunities available within the local community.

What Is Proposed?

The school is proposing to alter the lower age limit of the school from 4 years to 3 years by extending the provision to include nursery age children (thereby accepting children from the age of 3 instead of 4). This provision would be phased from September 2027. This means that, if the proposal is implemented, the school will be able to offer families a seamless and comprehensive education programme for children from the age of 3 years.

The school anticipates that the full government entitlement of 30 hours of free early years education would be offered and the option of allowing additional fee paid hours to suit individual family circumstances and preferences. If the proposal is implemented, it is anticipated that the school will be able to accommodate 20 Early Years Foundation Stage children in total – inclusive of the PAN number of 10. This will create an additional 10 places for nursery children. It is expected that the number will fluctuate yearly in line with places taken for school age children within the setting.

Impact on Current Pupils



The proposal is not expected to have any adverse impact on pupils currently attending the school. Existing Reception and primary-age provision will remain in place.

Attendance at the nursery would not automatically guarantee admission to Reception. Admission to Reception will continue to be administered in accordance with the school's published admissions arrangements.

Consultation Period

The consultation will run from: Sunday 20th September to Wednesday 14th October at 6:00pm. We welcome comments and feedback from all interested parties.

How to Respond

Responses can be submitted:

By email: tbosley@acorn.derbyshire.sch.uk

By post: Marston Montgomery Primary School, Thurstaston Road, Marston Montgomery, Ashbourne, DE6 2FF

Please ensure your response is received by Wednesday 14th October at 6:00pm.

What Happens Next?

Following the consultation period, all responses will be carefully considered before a final decision is made.

A summary of the consultation responses and the decision will be published on the school's website.

Further Information

If you have any questions regarding the proposal, please contact:

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Thank you for taking the time to consider this proposal and share your views.

Yours faithfully,

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