



# Otterton C of E Primary School

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## Notice of Consultation

### Re: Consultation on proposed change of the school age range to incorporate the opening of a Foundation Stage Unit.

The purpose of this consultation is to discuss proposed changes to the provision at Otterton C of E Primary School, which involves lowering the school age range to accept children from 3 years. Currently children join our school in the September following their 4<sup>th</sup> birthday. From September 2021 we are proposing lowering our schools age range by 1 year which will enable the school to have an on-site Foundation Stage Unit to be able to accept Pre-school age children.

The schools determined admission arrangements, including oversubscription criteria for school entry would remain unchanged.

The key reason for this change is provide high quality pre-school places with dedicated and experienced staff, giving children a continued early years education from an earlier age, ensuring all children get the best start in life and go on to succeed at school. The change will also aim to give long term security for Otterton.

The consultation is part of the legal requirements set out in the required procedures and guidance by the DfE. If any stakeholders have any views or comments they can be sent to [adminotterton@thelink.academy](mailto:adminotterton@thelink.academy) with the subject header of: **FSU Consultation**.

The consultation will run for 4 weeks from Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> May – Monday 31<sup>st</sup> May 2021.

The Link Academy Trust Board of Trustees will consider all comments received during the consultation period. We are consulting with all relevant stakeholders, the Local Authority and Diocese as required by law when making changes to school age arrangements.

Yours sincerely

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