



## **Holyhead Primary Academy**

### **Consultation on change of Age**

#### **Proposal**

It is proposed to lower the age range of Holyhead Primary academy from 3 – 11 years to 2 – 11 years of age with effect from 1st January 2024.

#### **Background**

Holyhead Primary Academy already has a nursery class which takes children from 3 years. The school has seen families choosing other settings to accommodate their younger children. This has a great impact on when they apply for Primary at statutory age.

The School and the Trust feel it is very important to the community to offer a provision that fits the needs of the families in the catchment area. Shireland Collegiate Academy Trust has Nursery classes within the school structure and there is plenty of support available to the school. The number of places available will remain as is and the offer for accepting 2 year olds will only be on mornings initially to ensure sufficient staffing ratios.

If the proposal is approved, the main difference is that the school could better serve the community by accepting 2 year olds. There will be no immediate change in staffing as there is capacity and future changes will depend on demand for places. Parents will still need to make an application to Sandwell Council for a place in the reception class.

#### **The Process**

All responses to this consultation will be considered by the School and Shireland Collegiate Academy Trust

The proposed timetable is as follows:

<b>Consultation</b>	<b>Monday 6<sup>th</sup> November 2023 to Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> December 2023</b>
<b>Proposed Implementation</b>	<b>Monday 1<sup>st</sup> January 2024</b>

Responding to the consultation

You can respond to the consultation by writing to: Mrs Lisa Smith, Business Manager, Holyhead Primary Academy, Holyhead Road, Wednesbury, WS10 7PZ or by emailing: [LSmith@HPA.shirelandcat.net](mailto:LSmith@HPA.shirelandcat.net) by the closing date of Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> December 2023.