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Dream, Believe, Achieve
'Nothing will be impossible with God' Luke 1:37

Tuesday 15th November 2022

RE: Consultation to offer places to younger pre-school pupils.

Dear Parents, carers and local community members,

Like the majority of schools in our local authority we have recently seen a reduction of pupils on roll, given the declining birth rate. All sensible predictions from Local Authority planning suggest that this fall in birth rate will only continue over the next few years. This potentially means that the number of children on roll at our school will continue to reduce over time.

Cuckney is a happy and thriving school, and we do all we can to respond to the needs of the families we serve within our community. Over time there have been requests to extend our pre - school offer to younger children. In the past this is something we have not been able to consider as our school was considered 'full' by the local authority. The information below illustrates the school's current position and the best estimates for the next few years.

- The school has a capacity of 140 pupil places, based on the m2 of floor space the site provides.
- Since 2015, the school organisation has been 5 classes, with the capacity to potentially accommodate up to 150 children. We negotiate carefully with the Local Authority if we are required to go over the 140 places.
- Our current number on roll is 125 in November 2022,
- Local Authority projects a decrease to 116 next year, 109 the year after and 105 the year after that.
- Given the net capacity of 140, this now means that the school will have places available, sustained over time, to 'use' by offering younger pre-school places. (In 2023 – 24 places, in 2024 – 31 places and in 2025 – 35 places)
- The number of places available also account for any further 'in year' movements in to other National curriculum year groups throughout school.

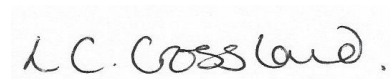
The proposal –

We propose to offer places on a staggered basis so this situation can be evaluated over time. This will allow us to respond accordingly should Local Authority predictions change. The school currently offers part time places to pupils, beginning the term after their 4th birthday. Currently this means that those born in the summer term can't access part time provision and begin their full time reception year as soon as they turn 4 years old. We propose to offer those summer born pupils a part time place from the Easter along with those from the spring born intake. From September 2023, we propose to offer part time places to 3 year olds (traditional

nursery provision), throughout the year. Details can be confirmed once the Reception first admissions number for September 2023 is confirmed.

We would like to invite your comments and feedback on our proposals which can be done via, email head@cuckney.notts.sch.uk, telephone 01623 842223 or in person by appointment. We ask that all comments are returned to us no later than Tuesday 13th December 2022.

Kindest regards

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "L C Crossland". The signature is written in a cursive style with a trailing flourish.

L C Crossland
Head Teacher