



# Hulland Church of England Primary School

Firs Avenue, Hulland Ward, Derbyshire, DE6 3FS

Headteacher – Mrs. L. Shaw

8<sup>th</sup> January 2026

Dear Parents,

## Consultation on Proposed Extension of Age Range to Include Nursery Provision

We are excited to share our long-term plans to extend our age range from 5–11 to 2–11, enabling us to offer nursery places as part of our school provision. This development is driven by our commitment to:

- **Enhancing continuity of education** from early years through to the end of primary school
- **Strengthening ties with families and the wider community**
- **Ensuring the long-term sustainability of early years education** in our area

As part of this proposal, we plan to transition the existing on-site charity-run pre-school – which will have to close - into a school-managed nursery, making use of the current facilities and building on the strong foundations already in place. We value the work of the pre-school and look forward to working closely with them to ensure a smooth and positive transition for children, families, and staff.

We are now entering a consultation period and would like to hear from all stakeholders. Further information is provided below, but if you have any comments, questions, or suggestions, please do not hesitate to speak with us. Your feedback is important and will help shape the future of early years education in our community.

Yours sincerely,

Louise Shaw  
Headteacher



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## Hulland CofE Primary School

### **Proposal by the Local Governing Committee & ACE Derbyshire Trust for the Extension of the Age Range of the School from 4-11 years to 2-11 years**

#### **Context**

Hulland CofE Primary School is a 5 –11 primary school serving Hulland and the surrounding area. The current number on roll is 51. This school was inspected by Ofsted in June 2023 and rated 'Good'.

#### **Proposal**

It is proposed that the age range of Hulland CofE Primary School be extended from 4-11 years to 2-11 years.

The school already has adequate premises to make this alteration without significant changes being required. 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 2 years.

Working with the existing premises, the school will be able to offer the full government entitlement of 15 hours (and 30 hours of funding, if eligible) of free early years education and the option of allowing additional self-funded hours to suit individual family circumstances and preferences.

#### **Staff**

The school will utilise the existing highly qualified pre-school staff, which includes a fully qualified teacher to lead the Foundation provision. We will ensure that we meet the correct ratios of 1:13 staff to child for 3 year olds and 1:5 staff to child for 2 year olds.

#### **Funding**

The nursery will be self-financing through the income generated from nursery places. No financial burden will be placed on the school's existing budget.

#### **Operational Plan**

Facilities: The current classroom used by the pre-school will continue to be used for the nursery.

Staffing: Additional staffing will be funded through nursery income, ensuring no impact on the school's core budget. Recruitment will comply with EYFS staffing ratios and qualification requirements. Where possible, existing pre-school staff will be transferred to the school as part of the integration process.

Governance: The nursery will be managed under the school's leadership and governance structures, ensuring accountability and quality assurance.

#### **Consultation**

The consultation on this proposal will be for four weeks from Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> January 2026.

A meeting will be arranged for all interested parties to ask any questions. This will take place on **Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> January 2025 at 5pm in School.**

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The consultation document will be available on request from the Clerk to the Governors at the address and e-mail address below, and is available on the school's website: [www.hullandprimaryschool.co.uk](http://www.hullandprimaryschool.co.uk)

Any comments, observations or objections should be sent to –

Clerk to the Governors,  
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Or by e-mail to [info@hulland.derbyshire.sch.uk](mailto:info@hulland.derbyshire.sch.uk)

The deadline for receiving responses to this consultation is: **Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> February.**