

# Public consultation – Thursday 8th January 2026

2:30pm-5pm

# Proposed change of age range of Franche Community Primary School

This document contains information that will help you understand the issues surrounding this proposed change. An informal drop-in session has been arranged to explain the proposal and to answer questions:

Date	08.01.2026
Time	2:30-5:00
Venue	Franche Community Primary School

Dear Parents / Governors / Colleagues

Consultation on proposed a change of age range for Franche Community Primary School from 3 years -11 years to 0 years-11 years.

Franche Community Primary School Governing Body are looking to simplify the internal organisational structures within the school making all children within the current Extended Services provision, part of the school. This will mean that instead of running two departments on site; one for 0–3-year-olds and one for 3-11 years old, all children will form part of the school and therefore be one provision.

This change will not alter the capacity or provision of the childcare onsite. It is being proposed purely to streamline systems within the school, making operational arrangements easier.

We are looking to put this change in place for September 2026.

### How the decision will be made

At the conclusion of this consultation period the Governors will consider any issues that have been raised before deciding whether to proceed with the proposal.

The Governing Body will consider evidence from various sources to reach a considered view on the merits of the proposal. In particular, the following factors:

• The response to the public consultation

### Who is being consulted?

This document will be made available to:

- Parents and carers of pupils attending the Franche Community Primary School and TOTs@Franche
- Staff and Governors of other local schools
- Local District Councillor(s)
- The Local Authority
- Immediate neighbours
- Any other local stakeholder

### What happens next?

### **Consultation Phase**

During the consultation phase anyone with an interest can express their views on the options expressed in this document. This document and the meeting detailed on the cover form part of the consultation.

### **Full Governing Body Decision**

The governors will take note of issues raised during the consultation. At the conclusion of the consultation period, a decision will be made whether agree to proceed with the proposal.

## Have your say

It is very important that all those involved have a say. A copy of the response form can be downloaded from the school website or a hard copy picked up from the school office. WCC website at <a href="www.worcestershire.gov.uk/schoolconsultations">www.worcestershire.gov.uk/schoolconsultations</a>. If you are unable to access the online response form you can obtain a paper copy from the school office.

Responses must be submitted to:

Franche Community Primary School Chestnut Grove Kidderminster DY11 5QB

Or via e-mail to office@francheprimary.worcs.sch.uk

Responses must be received by noon on Monday 26th January 2026.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs E Dixon Headteacher