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Headteacher: Mrs. J. Payne

Dear Parents, Carers, Local Residents and other interested parties,

Endeavour Learning Trust, in conjunction with the Local Academy Council and the School's Senior Leadership Team intends to extend the age range of the school from 3-11 years to 2-11 years. This would enable the school to provide a 2-year old offer, where children would be able to access their free Nursery Education Entitlement.

The school have consulted with the Local Authority who have confirmed that there is a demand for this type of provision in this area.

Starting from April 2024, the government is expanding existing childcare in phases. The aim being that by September 2025, most working families with children under the age of 5 will be entitled to 30 hours of childcare support. From April 2024, eligible working parents of 2-year olds will be able to access 15 hours of childcare support. With this in mind we will be able to offer our families a 2-year old offer starting in September 2024.

Although there is current provision in the local area, there is sufficient demand for spaces. Coupled with extra funding available from the government to warrant the extra provision.

We feel that our community centred ethos and our highly trained and experienced staff will be able to provide those eligible children with the high-quality Nursery provision they are entitled to. We will grow and expand our already successful practise that we demonstrate for our Early Years children in both our current nursery and reception provision.

Our current site offers sufficient space to accommodate an extra class of children. There would be no disruption to the children we already cater for and no disruption to the local community in terms of building works.

In the immediate locality there is limited school led provision for 2-year olds, so we would be able to offer this choice for parents. This would be especially advantageous to parents of children already on our school roll as it would ease transition into school and support progress for children with an increased continuity of care.

The consultation period for this proposal will take place between **Friday 8th March and Friday 5th April**. We very much welcome all views on this proposal and would invite you to respond within this notice period.

If you have any comments or views on this proposal, these can be submitted in writing to the Headteacher, Churchtown Primary School, St Cuthberts Road, Southport PR9 7NN or by email to enquiries@endeavourlearning.org by **Friday 5th April**

All responses will be considered. For more information, or if you require clarification on the above points please contact the school office on 01704 508500



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