



# Holy Family Nursery Consultation

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Catholic Education Trust



**Collation of responses submitted throughout the consultation period to 11<sup>th</sup> May 2023 on the proposal of Holy Family Catholic Primary School to lower the school age from 4-11 to 3-11**



**Over the consultation period the school received 36 online responses.**

**All of these were overwhelmingly positive and very much in favour of nursery provision at Holy Family.**

Examples include:

*“This would be a really beneficial to the local community and we welcome this expansion of a great primary school”*

*“A nursery would be an excellent addition to the school. We have heard great things from parents about the school and the head teacher. With this in mind we are sure that the nursery will be very popular.”*

*“I think it would be a fantastic addition to the school. As a local childminder, I know the demand is there and would very much welcome it.”*

**We received a further 15 hand written responses, again all extremely positive.**

Examples include:

*“This is a fantastic idea and would be of great benefit to parents and the local community”*

*“This would be beneficial for the local area as the school is highly thought of within the local community and a nursery there would give pupils a strong start.”*

*“Great news! Just what parents have been hoping for!”*

*“ Great idea! Great school! Great Head! Good luck!”*

**We received 3 responses from local schools who were all positive about the proposed change, seeing it as a benefit to the area.**



**We received a response from the Director of Education for the Diocese of Hexham and Newcastle, Deborah Fox, expressing Diocesan support for the proposal.**

**The proposed project is also supported by the Parish priest and parish community.**

**We received a positive written response from Darlington Local Authority, directly from the Assistant Director of Education and Inclusion and also received a positive response from the Early years team there.**

The school has so far received 20 expressions of interest  
from parents for Nursery places...

