



# Stalmine Primary School

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Head Teacher  
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Dear all,

We are writing to consult with you of our plans to lower the school age range to **2-11 years** here at Stalmine Primary from 1<sup>st</sup> January 2026 (it is currently 3-11). As you will already be aware, a Pre-School has operated at Stalmine Primary for a number of years. In addition, we are now hoping to offer provision for a small number of 2 year-olds in our EYFS class. We are hoping to offer up to 5 flexible places per session. This will not change our existing admission numbers for EYFS, just that we propose to lower our Pre-school/Nursery provision to 2 years+ rather than 3 years+. We will maintain an admission of 15 Reception pupil places and up to 10 pre-school places in each session but across two nursery age years (N1 & N2), rather than the one previous pre-school age of (3-4).

We will be accepting government funded places for 15 or 30 hours depending on circumstance. We will be operating within necessary adult-child ratios. Our early years children will spend their time with our experienced and dedicated specialist staff led by a fully qualified teacher.

We aim to provide the best start to their educational journey within our family orientated and friendly school environment.

Research would indicate that children who engage in early years education have a greater chance of educational success. Spending their early years in a combined class will help with transition into the more formal school system at our school as they grow up. Having places for 2 year-olds will help many parents with collection and drop off, particularly those with older siblings.

This **consultation period will close on 31st October 2025**. Please feel free to contact school before this point should you have any comments or require any further information.

We welcome enquiries surrounding this proposal. Please get in touch if you have any questions.

Kind regards

Daniel Smith  
Headteacher

