

# **Cavendish Close Infant & Nursery School Consultation Letter**

## **Proposal to Change the Age Range of Cavendish Close Infant & Nursery School**

### **Consultation Document**

**Date:** 01.07.2026

Dear Parents, Carers, Staff, Local Providers and Stakeholders,

### **Proposal to Change the Age Range of Cavendish Close Infant & Nursery School**

The Governing Body of **Cavendish Close Infant & Nursery School** is consulting on a proposal to change the age range of the school from **3-7 years** to **2-7 years**, with effect from **September 2030**.

The purpose of this proposal is to enable the school to provide additional early years education and childcare places for younger children, helping to meet local demand and improve access to high-quality education and care within the community.

## **Why is this proposal being made?**

The Governing Body has identified a significant opportunity to respond proactively to the expansion of funded childcare entitlements and the increasing need for high-quality early years provision within our local community.

By extending the school's age range to include two-year-olds, we would be able to enhance our established nursery provision and create additional high-quality childcare and early education places, helping local families access education and care from an earlier age.

This development aims to:

- Create additional nursery places to support local childcare sufficiency and help meet increasing demand for funded early education and childcare.
- Provide a seamless, high-quality educational journey from age 2 through to age 7 within a familiar and nurturing school environment.
- Ensure children benefit from our existing school-led, teacher-led approach to early years education, supporting strong foundations for learning, development and future attainment.

- Improve school readiness by enabling earlier intervention and support for children's communication, language, personal, social and emotional development.
  - Support disadvantaged and vulnerable children to access high-quality early education at the earliest opportunity, helping to improve outcomes and reduce inequalities.
  - Maximise the effective use of existing school facilities and surplus outdoor space to create purpose-built provision for our youngest learners.
  - Respond directly to findings from Derby City's Childcare Sufficiency Assessment, which identified local childcare pressures and patterns of families seeking provision outside the local area. The proposed expansion would enable more families to access high-quality childcare close to home.
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## **What is being proposed?**

If approved, the school would:

- Change the age range of the school from 3–7 years to 2–7 years from September 2030.
  - Create additional early years places through the development of a dedicated, high-quality, inclusive environment for two-year-old children.
  - Expand the overall capacity of our nursery provision, resulting in a net increase in early years places available within the local community.
  - Utilise available space within the existing school site through either the extension of current facilities or the construction of new accommodation, subject to capital funding approval.
  - Deliver learning environments specifically designed to meet the developmental needs of two-year-olds, including high-quality indoor and outdoor provision.
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## **What impact will this have on current pupils?**

The Governing Body has carefully considered the impact of this proposal on existing pupils and school operations.

If approved:

- Current pupils' learning environments and curriculum provision will remain fully protected.
- The proposed development will make use of available capacity and designated areas of the school site, avoiding any detrimental impact on existing classrooms or outdoor learning spaces.
- The expanded provision will strengthen the school's ability to support children and families from an earlier age, creating a more connected educational

journey from age 2 onwards.

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## What impact will this have on staff?

The proposal would create opportunities to further develop our highly skilled early years workforce and strengthen our ability to meet the needs of local families.

The development would:

- Provide opportunities for professional growth and leadership within early years education.
  - Enable the school to recruit additional specialist early years staff where required.
  - Strengthen collaboration across the nursery, EYFS and Key Stage 1 teams to support children's learning and development from age 2 to age 7.
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## Consultation Process

The Governing Body is committed to seeking the views of all interested parties before making a final decision.

The consultation period will run from:

**Start Date:** Wednesday 1 July 2026

**Closing Date:** 9am on Friday 17 July 2026

All comments received during this period will be carefully considered by the Governing Body before a final decision is made.

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## How to Share Your Views

Your views are important to us.

Please send your comments, questions or feedback by:

**Email:** [admin@cavclosei.derby.sch.uk](mailto:admin@cavclosei.derby.sch.uk)

**Post:** Cavendish Close Infant & Nursery School, Wood Road, Chaddesden, Derby, DE21 4LY

**Closing Date:** 9am on Friday 17 July 2026

Following the consultation period, the Governing Body will review all responses and communicate the outcome to parents, carers, staff, local stakeholders and the Local Authority.

Thank you for taking the time to consider this proposal and share your views.

Yours sincerely,

**Mrs. C Diffin**  
**Headteacher**  
**Cavendish Close Infant & Nursery School**

**Ms. A. Wain**  
**Chair of Governors**

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# Consultation Response Form

## Proposal to Change the Age Range of Cavendish Close Infant & Nursery School

We would welcome your views on the proposal outlined in this consultation document.

**Do you support the proposal to change the age range of Cavendish Close Infant & Nursery School from 3-7 to 2-7?**

- ☐ Yes – I support the proposal
- ☐ No – I do not support the proposal
- ☐ Undecided

**Please provide any comments, suggestions or concerns:**

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**Your relationship to the school (optional)**

- ☐ Parent/Carer
- ☐ Staff Member
- ☐ Governor

☐ Local Resident

☐ Childcare Provider

☐ Other: \_\_\_\_\_

**Name (optional)**

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**Date**

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Please return this form to **Cavendish Close Infant & Nursery School** by **9am on Friday 17 July 2026**.

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