

PROPOSAL TO CHANGE THE AGE RANGE OF WIGTON INFANT SCHOOL.

Notice is given in accordance with section 19(1) of the Education and Inspections Act 2006 that Cumbria County Council intends to extend the age range at Wigton Infant School, Longthwaite Road, Wigton CA7 9JR from educating children between the ages of 4 and 7 to educating children between the ages of 2 and 7.

School and local education authority details and category of school.

Cumbria County Council, School Organisation Team, Parkhouse Building, Baron Way, Kingmoor Business Park, Carlisle CA6 4SJ.
Wigton Infant School, Longthwaite Road, Wigton CA7 9JR (DfE number 909/2070). The category of the school is Community.

Description of alteration and evidence of demand

The existing voluntary management nursery provider, Longthwaite Road Pre-School, has asked Wigton Infant School to take over the running of the nursery. This popular nursery is located on Wigton Infant School site and provides much needed pre-school places in the Wigton area. To accommodate the change Wigton Infant School would need to change its age range from 4 to 7 years to 2 to 7 years.

Objectives (including how the proposal would increase educational standards and parental choice).

Longthwaite Road Pre-School is a valuable part of the early years offer in Wigton and its loss would reduce the number of places available and reduce parental choice in the area.

The effect on other schools, academies and educational institutions within the area.

None. There is already a nursery in operation on the site.

Project costs and indication of how these will be met, including how long term value for money will be achieved

None.

Implementation and any proposed stages for implementation

The proposal would be implemented on 1 September 2020.

The procedure for responses, support, objections and comments

Within four weeks from the date of publication of this notice, any person wishing to receive a copy of the full proposal, raise objections or make comments on the proposal can do so by writing to Cumbria County Council, School Organisation Team, Parkhouse Building, Baron Way, Kingmoor Business Park, Carlisle CA6 4SJ.