

Consultation on proposed changes to age range at George Grenville Academy

What are we consulting on?

This consultation seeks views and any comments from those who may be affected by the proposed significant change to the age range at George Grenville Academy, Chandos Road, Buckingham MK18 1AP.

The purpose of this document is to provide information on the proposal to extend the lower age range of the school from 3 years to 2 years.

Background

George Grenville Academy is a successful school serving an established mixed residential area in Buckingham. The school is part of Campfire Education Trust.

Currently the age range that the school is legally allowed to make provision for is 3-11 years.

Rationale for change

George Grenville operates an onsite nursery. At present, the 2 year old provision within the nursery is set up under section 27 of the Education Act 1995, i.e. they operate this part of their early years provision whilst having not officially lowered their school-age of admission via the statutory process. In effect, this means that the lower end of their provision currently has its own DfE unique reference number (URN) and is inspected separately from the school.

The Proposal

We are proposing that we formally change the lower age range of the school from 3 years to 2 years old. This would encompass all of the children in the existing nursery setting and cease the need to operate a separate provision under section 27.

We are making this proposal upon the advice of the Education and Skills Funding Agency (ESFA).

It is a formal process to change the age range of a school and as such we are consulting on this change.

How you can submit your view

How to respond:

The consultation period began on Monday 13 November 23 and will run for four weeks until Sunday 10 December 23.

If you have any comments, please email ceo@campfiretrust.co.uk, making sure that your response reaches us before the closing date. Please quote 'GGA Significant Change'.

When responding, please state whether you are contacting us as an individual or representing the views of an organisation. If responding on behalf of a larger organisation, please make it clear who the organisation represents and, where applicable, how the views of members were assembled.

If you would like further copies of this consultation document, it can be found on the George Grenville Academy website and the Campfire Education Trust website, or you can contact Jacqui Collins at collins@campfiretrust.co.uk.