



Consultation to change age range of Polesden Lacey Infant Academy

The Proposal

Polesden Lacey Infant Academy, with the support of LEO Academy Trust and Polesden Lacey Playschool, are proposing to change the age range of Polesden Lacey Infant's from 4 - 7 years to 2 - 7 years.

Why are we making these changes?

LEO Academy Trust, Polesden Lacey Infant Academy and Polesden Lacey Playschool recognise and value the importance of strong partnerships with parents in guiding and supporting the beginning of their child's educational journey. We understand the challenges that working families face and acknowledge the importance of a comprehensive and cohesive educational pathway from early years through to primary school for all families.

With this in mind and aligned to the Government announcement to extend the early years funded entitlement to families of all 2-year-olds from April 2024, we propose to extend our age range from 4-7 to 2-7. By doing this we believe we will maximise the educational benefits and wider opportunities available to our pupils and further support the families from the local community.

Details of the proposal

Polesden Lacey Infant Academy and LEO Academy Trust, in agreement with Polesden Lacey Playschool, propose to introduce a nursery provision for both three and four year olds, and two year olds which will mean lowering its age range to be from the age of two years, offering families the option of a continued education for their children from 2-7 years. The children who are currently at Polesden Lacey Playschool will automatically become members of Polesden Lacey Infant Nursery provision, as will those due to start in September. The waiting lists of the currently Playschool will remain in place.

How will this proposal be implemented?

To amend the age range of the academies mentioned above, Polesden Lacey Infant Academy and LEO Academy Trust (the multi-academy trust) must now consult with all stakeholders. Please could you complete the form below as part of the consultation.

Who are we consulting with?

We wish to seek the views of everyone associated with the school and the wider local community:

- Parents and carers of Polesden Lacey Playschool and/or Polesden Lacey Infant Academy
- Other local primary schools and their parental community
- Other local nurseries and their parental community
- Staff employed at Polesden Lacey Infant Academy or Polesden Lacey Playschool
- Residents in the community local to Polesden Lacey Infant Academy and Polesden Lacey Playschool
- The Local Authority

Consultation length

The consultation will run for a period of three weeks, starting on 2nd May 2025 and ending on 23rd May 2025.

Give us your feedback

You can give us your feedback electronically using the link: <https://forms.gle/CrBMfkDJVwyKUWN37>

Alternatively, there is a consultation response form below. Please complete these by hand and return by 4pm on Friday 23rd May 2025: Consultation Responses, Polesden Lacey Infant Academy, Oakdene Close, Bookham, KT23 4PT

Next Steps

LEO Academy Trust will review the responses and report the findings to the Trust Board.

Any application to amend the age range of the school will need to be submitted to the Regional Director who will decide, on behalf of the Secretary of State, whether the change to age range is approved.

Consultation Responses Proposal to lower to age range for Polesden Lacey School

	Agree	Disagree	Don't know
	(Please tick ✓ as appropriate)		
Do you agree with the proposal to lower the age range of The Polesden Lacey Infant Academy from 4-7 years to 2-7 years?			

Questions or comments:

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Please tick the statement(s) below which best describes you:

Parent/Carer of child at The Polesden Lacey Infant Academy	
Parent/Carer of child at Polesden Lacey Playschool	
Parent/Carer of a future nursery age child	
Member of staff at The Polesden Lacey Infant Academy	
Member of staff at The Polesden Lacey Playschool	
Representative of another local primary school	
Representative of another local nursery	
Parent/Carers of child at another local school or nursery	
Member of the local community	
Representative of the Local Authority	

Please return this form by Friday 23rd May 2025 either by email to:

nurseryconsultation@leoacademytrust.co.uk or by post/in person to Consultation Responses, Polesden Lacey Infant Academy, Oakdene Close, Bookham, KT23 4PT