



Consultation Summary Document

Lowering the school age at Stamford Green Primary School

Total number of responses: 54

Total number of No: 8
Total number of Yes: 43
Other: 3

Feedback breakdown:

Please note that people were able to select more than one option

Parent of a child at a school: 45
Parent of a pre-school aged child: 27
Close neighbour: 14
Member of the local community: 11
Local faith group: 0
Local community group: 3
Other: 3

Consultation Response Themes	Comments	Reply from Stamford Green Primary School
EYFS provision in the local area	<p>I look forward to my preschoolers attending. I think another pre-school in the area is much needed.</p> <p>We were disappointed that the only school based nursery provision is Epsom Primary which would involve a car drive in the wrong direction. I definitely support SGPS in expanding And am surprised that the school does not cater for nursery already!</p> <p>There are other nurseries close to us.</p> <p>I feel that an early year preschool is a fantastic idea. Previously I have experienced two very different nursery styles and with questionable results. I feel it's a great way to ensure consistency of learning.</p>	

	<p>My daughter is currently a student at Stamford Green Primary school and she is really enjoying her school life. I have a two year old son who is turning 3 in September 2017. I have been searching for nursery information and the school nursery would be my no 1 choice. He would love to go to the same school with his big sister. My husband and I are both working and it would be so convenient to take them to the same school and pick them up together.</p> <p>I think having a nursery is a wonderful idea and would place my baby in this facility if available.</p>	
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<p>The size of the school</p>	<p>The school is already getting too large and has too many pupils.</p> <p>I think the school is facing enough of a challenge bedding in the increased numbers and should focus on this rather than expanding into the other areas of the education system. I don't find the reasoning very compelling. What impact would the nursery have on the rest of the school? If I had a pre-school aged child I would prefer to send them to a smaller less intimidating environment where they could meet children going on to schools other than Stamford Green.</p>	<p>The nursery will have a positive impact on the rest of the school for several reasons:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The children that attend our nursery will hopefully be children that attend our school. Therefore, we are investing in future Stamford Green children. This has benefits for each child's personal, social and emotional development as well as learning to read. In addition to this, it will strengthen our community as local children will be a part of our school a year earlier and this will help families who currently have siblings in different settings. Please note that everyone has to apply for a school place in reception and entry into our nursery does not guarantee a place in reception. 2. New staff would be employed to run the nursery and this would complement our existing team as we strive to meet the needs of the children and their families at Stamford Green. 3. The nursery will have its own area in a secluded part of the school, with a separate entrance and exit for the nursery children. We therefore believe that it will not be intimidating and will assist the children greatly when moving from nursery to reception as they will already be a part of our school and very familiar with the setting.
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<p>East Gate overcrowding</p>	<p>Pre-school children would be arriving by buggy or car (or both) and this would be too much pressure on an already overcrowded entrance.</p> <p>There is a bottle neck on the path into school that is already crowded.</p> <p>Access into school – pathway far too narrow for the current number of pupils</p>	<p>Over the summer holidays we will be reconfiguring the space by the East Gate to alleviate congestion. Due to tree protection zones and Mr Briggs' bungalow we are limited with what we can do but we are confident that we can improve the current situation.</p>
<p>Local traffic / Parking</p>	<p>As a very close neighbour to school I'd also like to raise once again the parking issue outside school. My main issue is the parents that park on the single yellow lines and make it very difficult to cross Lower Hill Road/Christ Church Mount, by obstructing a direct path and making it more difficult for other cars by blocking passing places. Is there any change of a zebra crossing to make this safer?</p> <p>I am in favour of lowering the age group although I know there will inevitably be an increase in traffic. What is needed is a reduction of the speed limit in Lower Hill Road at the times of drop off and pick up instead of the headlong rush down the road.</p> <p>It would be wonderful to have a nursery attached to the school. I would imagine that most of the nursery children would already have siblings at the school so the traffic volume shouldn't increase too much.</p> <p>There will be a big impact on traffic and parking / Traffic is very bad</p> <p>From a resident's point of view, the main concern is probably the potential for an increase in traffic which I see you address on the 2nd page of the consultation process ... does SGPS have a public policy of encouraging children and parents to cycle/walk to school rather than take the car? Obviously with the recent publicity about childhood obesity, this is something which should be of concern to us all not just local residents.</p> <p>Traffic will absolutely be affected – it is a danger now, let alone when the school increases and one day there will be an accident right outside the school gates with inconsiderate parents dropping off ... holding up traffic as well as parking on corners and double yellow lines – I appreciate the school tries to police this but it clearly does not work and will become worse.</p>	<p>We are sorry that a minority of our parents are not adhering to the Highway Code. We will continue to encourage parents/carers to park and drive in a safe and considerate manner. Unfortunately, the cost of a zebra crossing proved too much but we will continue to ask!</p> <p>We will use our newsletter to communicate the concerns around speed and ask parents to slow down. We already reassure parents to park and drive safely, even if they are running late.</p> <p>We anticipate that there will be a reduction in traffic as a result of our proposed nursery opening. This is due to the fact that journeys to drop children in two different settings will be reduced, as the majority of pre-school children will already be coming to school to drop off a sibling. Therefore the increase in traffic will be minimal. For example, 37 children are joining us in reception in September 2017 and there will only be 40 full time places in our nursery.</p> <p>In addition to this, the nursery is being set up for local children so we would hope that people would walk to school so that car journeys are reduced.</p> <p>We already operate a staggered exit and entry to school so that everyone is not arriving and leaving at the same time. Our Travel Plan, including targets, can be found on our school website. http://www.stamford-green.surrey.sch.uk/fileadmin/user_upload/policies/school_travel_plan_2016.pdf</p>

<p>Single drop off for parents</p>	<p>We currently have a child in Reception at Stamford Green and a child who attends the 2 year old provision at Epsom Primary for 30hrs a week. Doing 2 different drop offs and pickups is extremely challenging and involves additional childcare to do so.</p> <p>This would be of great benefit to us. We currently walk to SGPS and back for school drop off then get in the car to drop my 3yo to nursery (late). It would reduce my carbon footprint and eliminate the need to pay for Sunset club at nursery due to both schools having the same finish time.</p> <p>We live near the school and I make 4 car journeys per day... A pre-school 9-3 would result in less car journeys and I would probably walk as less pushed for time between schools. Plus my pre-schooler is desperate to go to SGP. Therefore</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Less use of car • No parking issues • Happy children • Happy parents! 	
<p>Transition between nursery and school</p>	<p>It would be an excellent introduction to the school before starting Reception.</p> <p>The transition from Nursery to Reception would be much easier too as he would be familiar with the staff and the environment.</p> <p>My daughter is 3 and would love to go to the same school as her big brother! It would also make the transition into school much smoother I would imagine.</p>	
<p>Extended day / Flexible Options</p>	<p>As a prospective parent for the nursery as well as a parent to a child at the school, can I please stress the importance of having times that match the drop off and/or pick up times with the school children? Also the possibility to have pre-school children at the after school club/Sunrise club. This is done at Epsom Primary, where my daughter went to pre-school and this worked really well and is an absolute necessity for working parents.</p> <p>I think this is a very sensible idea – subject to fitting the buildings into the current space and finding a way to ease the congestion inflow at the morning. If you do set up a nursery, it would be extremely helpful to make it fit the sunrise and sunset hours so that working parents don't</p>	<p>Our proposed nursery offer is still being finalised but we are currently working on the following options, which were indicated as the most popular with parents during our market research.</p> <p>We will go through how the funded hours work in more detail on the application form but a variety of options are available for funded and non-funded places. The proposal is yet to be finalised but the draft proposal is as follows:</p> <p>Option 1 Monday to Friday - 8.40am – 2.40pm and an 'Afternoon Club' is available from 2.40pm – 3.10pm</p>

have to go to more than one site.

I am in favour of SGPS lowering its school age to accept 2,3 and 4 year olds and open a nursery. I live locally on Stamford Green Road and my daughter is 2.5yrs. When we were looking at local opportunities for her, we were disappointed that the closest school based nursery provision is Epsom Primary which would involve a car journey (in the wrong direction!). I definitely support Stamford Green in expanding to accept 2, 3 and 4 year olds and I'm surprised the school already doesn't cater for nursery age! We hope that our daughter can attend Stamford Green when she is of school age however it would be an excellent introduction for her (and others) if they could attend nursery at the school before starting in Reception.

Would the pre-school child be able to use sunset Club if the older sibling does?

We have a daughter in year 3 currently and a son who will be 3 by September 2017 and so would be very interested in the possibility of his attending the nursery for the year prior to starting in reception. We would need to weigh up the practical arrangements against his current childcare provision but are at this time inclined to prefer a Stamford Green nursery option ... and so fully support the introduction of this. Questions: would it be a choice to attend 2.5 or 5 days or are there eligibility criteria for 5 days?

We assume sunrise and sunset will not accommodate nursery children but it would be useful to have confirmation.

From a personal point of view I would like the option of half days and not necessarily attending every day. I don't know if there will be a minimum attendance but I would like flexibility particularly for younger members who will benefit from attending on a part time basis.

In principle I'm in favour with this but have two concerns to raise:

1. How shared use of these areas will affect Sunset/Sunrise?

You operate a great facility in extended care currently and offer much needed support to working parents – Nurseries need dedicated space equipment and generate a lot of mess. How can you guarantee these areas will be adequately tidied/cleaned in the few minutes between nursery/extended services starting/finishing? Are you proposing to move extended services to another area of the school?

Option 2

Monday and Tuesday - 8.40am – 2.40pm and an 'Afternoon Club' is available from 2.40pm – 3.10pm
Wednesday 8.40am – 11.40am – with the option to attend 'Lunch Club' until 12.10pm.

Option 3

Wednesday 12.10pm – 3.10pm - option to attend 'Lunch Club' from 11.40am will be available and
Thursday and Friday – 8.40am – 2.40pm and an 'Afternoon Club' is available from 2.40pm – 3.10pm

NB: There is a small charge for Lunch Club and Afternoon Club as it is not covered by funded hours.

We are currently working on offering an extended day for the nursery children and anticipate that this would be available mid-way through the next academic year. We are unable to offer it straight away due to room configurations and building work that will be taking place in September/October.

Unfortunately, nursery children will not be able to attend our existing Sunrise and Sunset as this provision is for our YR to Y6 children. The activities and ratios need to be different for nursery aged children hence our plan to offer a nursery extended day separately.

Sunrise and Sunset will continue to operate as usual. We have carried out research, which has shown us how successful nurseries 'pop up' and 'pop down' so that the rooms can be used for other purposes when the nursery is not in session. By having clever storage and a skilled staff team that is underpinned by precision and organisation, we know that the areas can be set up and cleared down to meet the needs of all the children using the space throughout the day.

	<p>2. Access to Sunset/Sunrise and therefore the new nursery area is via the car park</p> <p>There is not adequate walking space currently for collecting children from extended services – it's very dark in winter – there isn't adequate lighting in the car park for parents collecting on foot and children need to walk down the drive whilst cars are pitching up/ leaving at the same time. The footpath on the left is only accessible through the cars and it's not lit, gets very wet and slippery in winter.</p> <p>For nursery age children this is even more dangerous. Do you propose changes to the access to this gate? Any changes to the access would need to consider the amount of parents already waiting at East Gate. It's starting to get very busy at 3pm pick up and with an extra 30 reception children and nursery children on top it's only going to get busier.</p>	<p>Over the summer holidays we will be changing the fencing that runs past the office window so that a new and safe fenced path runs from the East Gate area to the South Gate. This new path will be for nursery children only and will mean that the nursery children will not be using the East Gate to enter and exit school.</p> <p>We will also be reconfiguring the space by the East Gate to alleviate congestion. Due to tree protection zones and Mr Briggs' bungalow we are limited with what we can do but we are confident that we can improve the current situation.</p>
<p>Other local providers</p>	<p>Epsom Primary and Nursery School - We support the development of high quality EYFS provision to meet the diverse needs of our shared community.</p> <p>Little Hands Nursery has been serving the local community for the past twenty years. We cater to children 2--5 years old. We Also take FEET children. We are a very small family of staff, children and parents. Eighty five percent of our children feed into Stamford Green Primary School Reception class. We always work very closely with you to assist transition. We are a sessional nursery and as we are the closest to Stamford Green Primary School families who travel together and drop off their bigger sibling to your school then come down across the road to us not having to undertake another long journey across the borough to drop their smaller ones. Our census occupancy rate for 2017 is fifty six percent. We always have plenty of spaces for all our sessions throughout the year. We welcome new children at any point in the academic year. Since the start of The parent application process for 30 hours' extended eligibility funding this April, the response to take on more than the universal 15hrs has been zero so far for our nursery, as parents are still choosing not to send their children for more that the Universal 15hrs. Many parents from our nursery do not even utilise their entire 15 universal hours. Recent occupancy is very low. The Surrey</p>	<p>Last year, the children that joined us in reception, came from twenty six nurseries. This is fairly typical, despite our recent expansion. Our biggest feeder nursery was Epsom Primary and Nursery school with 12.2% of children coming to Stamford Green Primary School and this has been the case for several years now. It would make sense for the children who start nursery at Epsom Primary to continue into reception and vice versa at Stamford Green, which is why we believe nursery provision at both schools to be essential.</p> <p>Please find below the information we have on where our current reception children came from (top 7 out of 26 listed): Epsom Primary and Nursery School = 12.2% Appletree Nursery = 10.4% Epsom Playhouse = 9.5% Ready Teddy Go/Little Hands/Cherryfields = 7.8% St Martins/Kingswood House = 4.3%</p> <p>This demonstrates to us, that opening a nursery at Stamford Green, would not be to the detriment of one establishment, as our local children go to many different settings for pre-school.</p> <p>Market research told us parents overwhelmingly wanted a 2.5 day model or a 30 (school) hours model so we propose to offer this. As a result, we would be offering something different to your sessional model. Our offer would therefore complement your existing sessions by offering something different to our shared community, who would then have more choice. This is important as one model does not suit every child or family.</p>

Childcare Sufficiency assessment 2016 is proof that occupancy has decreased in most settings. The opening of another term time nursery in the area will create an even bigger void. The opening of a nursery in Stamford Green Primary School for 2, 3 and 4 year olds will be detrimental to us and to the neighbouring nurseries, and this will ultimately push us into closure due to lack of demand for Early Years spaces available. After fighting a battle of eviction in 2015 from the Scout HQ on Christ Church Road, we were welcomed with open arms by our local church and have been able to continue to serve the local community from Christ Church Hall for the last two years, thus helping to generate income for our local church. All our staff too are local mums who love their job and have been with us for many years. We all have families that are dependent on us. We are very proud that we have been serving the local community and want to continue doing this always. The market now does not require another nursery in this area. I am not in favour of Stamford Green Primary School lowering its school age to accept 2, 3 and 4 year olds and opening a nursery. Our small family at Little Hands Nursery will appreciate if you will let me know the outcome of this consultation document. Thank you.

Epsom Playhouse Pre School - Thank you for including our Preschool in your consultation. We have been one of the feeder Preschools for Stamford Green and have enjoyed the link from a community point of view with the School. We note that a lot of younger siblings will attend the nursery and I guess this will indeed effect our intake. It would be really helpful if you could let us know if you will be offering the extended 30 hour provision. Again because of the effect on our intake this information will have an impact on the places we have to offer and help us with our Admission plans.

Appletree Day Nursery – Stamford Green offer outstanding practice through their current education to the local children. We are one of the school's feeder nurseries and work in partnership with the school. The current offer of term time, school hours for the children aged 2-4 yrs, should not have an impact on our setting as majority of our children/parents require a full day across the whole year. We would like to continue to work in partnership and share ideas of best practice.

In addition to this, we plan to offer an extended day mid-way through the academic year so again this would be different to your offer and appeal to families that need/want more than the 15 hours entitlement. Our market research showed that there was a demand for this.

Due to the increase in houses being built e.g. Noble Park and forty new family houses at Ethel Bailey Close (near our West Gate entrance), along with another local day nursery being full, we are confident that there is a demand for high quality EYFS provision in our shared area and for both settings to complement not compromise each other. In addition to this, ninety one family houses are being built on the old Nescot site. With three other sessional nurseries being full and operating waiting lists, this then places pressure on finding nursery places for all the young children in the borough.

Our proposed nursery will only have space for forty full time places and with a PAN (Published Admissions Number) of ninety children into reception, we know that we need other local providers to continue to operate so that all our reception children have somewhere to go to nursery. Where parents decide to send their children, will largely depend on their circumstances: An all year day nursery may suit some, but on the other hand a term time only, sessional nursery, may suit others. Alternatively, a teacher led, term time only, 2.5 day or 5 day model may be a preferred option. Either way, with a growing population in Epsom and Ewell, we believe that we can all serve our local community.

We are planning on offering 30 hours and some people may be eligible for the extended entitlement funding and others will pay to have the additional hours that the universal funding does not cover. Please see above for information about intake and we will of course keep you updated.

