PARK MEAD PRIMARY SCHOOL



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Have your say on a proposal to change the age range of Park Mead Primary School from 4-11 years to 3-11 years.

The Governing Board of Pioneer Federation Primary School would like to propose changing the age range of the school from 4-11 years to 3-11 years. The school intends to offer childcare for up to 6, 3–4-year-old children within an EYFS class that will include Reception aged pupils. This class will have a capacity of 21 pupils.

The aim of the proposal is to integrate, fully, nursery provision into the Foundation Stage offer within the school with an EYFS class. The Governing Board's vision is to ensure that the school offers high quality early education delivered by experienced and well-trained teachers and support staff across the Foundation Stage.

The Governing Board has consulted with Pioneer Leaders and discussed the change with Local Authority Early Years Organisation Managers and Early Years Consultants. They would now like to hear the views of parents and carers of children at the school, as well as staff, local schools and early years' providers, the local authority and community, and other interested parties on this proposal.

Senior Leaders have visited other schools who have integrated 3-4 year olds into an EYFS class and will be utilising this experience when setting up the new EYFS class.

The Governing Board will consider all comments received during the consultation before making a decision on the proposal. The timetable for the consultation is as follows:

• Consultation with stakeholders –Tuesday 30th September to Monday 27th October.

You can have your say by contacting office@parkmead.e-sussex.sch.uk over the next four weeks.

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