



LYTHAM CHURCH of ENGLAND PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Dear Parents, Carers and Members of the Local Community,

Following the successful establishment of our Governor-led nursery provision for 3 and 4 year-olds, and after a positive response to further consultation with our families and local community, the Governors of Lytham Church of England Primary School are now formally consulting on a proposal to expand this provision to include 2-year-olds from September 2026.

Our existing nursery provision operates under Section 27 of the Education Act, which enables governing bodies to use their community facility powers to provide services for any charitable purpose, including early education, for the benefit of pupils' families and those who live or work within the local community. The Governors believe that extending our provision to include 2 year-olds will further strengthen early learning opportunities, support working families and ensure a smooth transition into our school.

From September 2026, the school proposes to:

- Extend the current Governor-led nursery provision to admit eligible 2 year-olds, alongside our existing 3 and 4 year-old provision
- Continue to operate under Section 27 of the Education Act
- Offer before and after school club wraparound for our Nursery children from 7.30am until 6pm
- Deliver provision overseen by our qualified Early Years Teacher, supported by appropriately trained Early Years staff
- Create 5 places for 2-year-olds initially, with plans to expand to 10 places for 2 year-olds if required

Benefits of Expanding Nursery Provision

The Governors believe this proposal will bring significant benefits, including:

- Providing high-quality early education at the earliest stage, supporting children's development, communication, and social skills
- Offering continuity of care and learning within a familiar school environment
- Supporting families by improving access to affordable, local childcare and wraparound facilities
- Enabling smoother transitions from age 2 through Nursery and into Reception
- Strengthening partnerships with families from an earlier age

Consultation Process

This formal consultation period will run until Monday 13th July. During this time, we welcome your views, comments or questions regarding the proposal. Please feel free to contact the school by email or phone before the closing date if you would like further information or wish to share your feedback.

All responses received will be considered carefully by the Governing Body before any final decision is made.

Thank you for your continued support.

Kind regards,

Hannah Davies

Headteacher



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