

Proposal to change the daily number of pupils of *Cherry Tree Hill Primary School Nursery* from 27 to 39 per day.

The Governing Body of ***Cherry Tree Hill Primary School*** is consulting on a proposal to change the daily number of pupils into the Nursery to enable more working parents, especially those of siblings to the school, to access 30 hour childcare. Cherry Tree Hill Primary School already caters for 27 pupils per day, with a total of 780 hours across the week and with the proposed changes, would be able to provide twelve extra spaces for working parents.

The key reason for the proposal is to provide additional capacity for working parents (who are eligible for 30 hours) to access the school Nursery and therefore support building capacity for our 90 place Reception provision. Ensuring that more of our families can benefit from government support of the 30-hour offer is important for economic and educational outcomes. For parents with multiple children, having nursery provision for younger siblings can ease the logistical challenges of managing different school and nursery schedules. This holistic support can reduce stress and improve the overall well-being of families. With the rising number of working parents in our local area, expanding our nursery capacity can provide a structured and reliable solution for working parents, allowing them to balance their professional and personal responsibilities more effectively. For pupils, expanding nursery numbers will aid our supportive nursery community, where every child has the opportunity to thrive from an early age. Studies have shown that children who attend nursery are better prepared for school, which can lead to improved performance in primary education.

This paper sets out the background to this proposal and explains how you can share your views as part of the consultation process.

How many more children will we be able to accommodate and what sessions will be available?

The Governing Body of Cherry Tree Hill Primary School is proposing expand the number of pupils per day from 27 to 39 of age from ***September 2025***. This will

enable the school to take more funded 30 hour pupils, especially those of siblings in school.

The sessions times will be:

Monday - Friday: 8:45 am – 15:30 pm

What impact will this have on the children currently in the school?

It is not anticipated that there will be any impact on pupils currently on roll in the school. On a day-to-day basis there will be no change in routine at the school. In terms of accommodating the additional children, the school has carefully considered the availability of space and the proposal is to add an additional toilet and convert the shelter into indoor space. The current nursery can take up to 30 pupils, with the additional Seashell room being used by pupils on a daily basis.

Please note that, as with any nursery, children on roll at the nursery at Cherry Tree Hill Primary School will not automatically transfer from the Nursery to Reception at the school when they reach school age. Parents and carers will need to complete an application for a school place for their child in the usual way.

What will it mean for the staff?

Again, very little on a day-to-day basis as our staff are qualified to have up to 39 pupils in the Nursery now. It will, however, be considered whether the Nursery would benefit from an apprentice to support pupils further, knowing that this would not be counted in the ratios as specified in the Statutory Framework.

What happens now?

The circulation of this document marks the start of a four-week consultation period on the proposal to increase daily numbers at Cherry Tree Hill Primary School. An email of this document has been sent to all local FEEE providers: PVI's and schools individually to make sure they are fully aware of the proposal. If the proposal is agreed, the school will be able to accommodate 39 pupils per day.

All written comments on the proposal will be considered by the Governing Body of Cherry Tree Hill Primary School when the four-week consultation period has come to a close. If a decision is taken to proceed with the change in age range, we will inform parents / carers, staff and Derby City Council.

If the proposal is agreed, the change in age range will be implemented from September 2025 and *an additional 12* places will be available at the school nursery from this date.

Your views are very important. Please do let us know what you think whether you agree or disagree with the proposal.

Please return your response form to Cherry Tree Hill Primary School office or email:
head@cherrytreehill.odysseyct.org.uk
by **9am on Monday 28th April 2025**

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CONSULTATION RESPONSE FORM

We would like your views on the proposal to increase nursery capacity of Cherry Tree Hill Primary School to include twelve additional 30 hour places. Please complete this short form to give your views and comments.

Please tell us if you do or do not support the Governing Body's proposal to increase nursery capacity of Cherry Tree Hill Primary School to include twelve additional 30 hour places as shown in the consultation document? Please select one response.

Yes - I support the proposal

No - I don't support the proposal

I'm undecided about the proposal

Please use the space below to give your comments on the proposal:

Date.....

Status.....

(For example, parent, governor, member of school staff)

Please return your completed form to:

***Cherry Tree Hill Primary School
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Please return this form by **9am on Monday 28th April 2025**

If you have any questions, please contact Paul Appleton (Head Teacher) Tel: 01332 670292



All information provided will be treated in accordance with the Data Protection Act 1998. We will only use this information to help in the decisions made on the proposal to change capacity of *Cherry Tree Hill Primary School*.