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Dear Parents, Friends and Family of Carleton Green,

The Governors of Carleton Green Community Primary School are proposing a change to the age range of the school from 4-11 to 2-11. As part of the process we would like to hear your views on the proposal.

Currently our provision for 2-4 year olds is within Little Chicks pre school. This is managed by a management committee consisting of members of staff and governors of the school. This would change in that the provision would fall under the management of the governing body and Little Chicks would formally become part of the same structure as the school.

The Governors believe the proposed change would be in the best interests of the school, its pupils and staff because:

- There will be little change in how our school will function in terms of day to day life as Little Chicks is already an integral part of Carleton Green.
- Little Chicks has an outstanding rating from Ofsted and takes 16 children per session, these sessions are currently full for the whole academic year.
- All children at Carleton Green both in the nursery and school are benefiting from this arrangement as is shown in pupil progress tracking and end of key stage outcomes. Standards across the nursery provision and school are high in terms of national expectations and continue to rise. For instance in the 2015 reading test at KS2 34% achieved higher than expected, 37% achieved higher than expected in writing with 46% achieving higher than expected in Mathematics.
- There are no planned changes to the opening hours, session costs and staffing and staff already see themselves as working for one organisation.
- Little Chicks children are welcome to attend our extended school day provision which runs from 7.45am to 5.30pm. The morning session is currently £3 and the afternoon session is currently £6.

- Benefits for our school will be seen with children working and learning together in our Christmas productions and using our outdoor provision this will not only support transition into primary school but will also provide our older children with the opportunity to develop their reasoning and application skills. The current layout of our Early Years setting lends itself perfectly to this collaborative working arrangement in respect of both the outdoor provision link and the internal facility for open plan to create an Early Years unit.
- Leadership's vision of providing the right learning intervention for our pupils as early as possible is a high priority. The staffing arrangements for nursery and our Early Years foundation stage will remain the same to ensure that our children receive high quality education at all times. We pride ourselves on keeping our class sizes small at this fundamental stage in your child's development.

We will begin our consultation from Monday 9th November for a period of 4 weeks closing on the 4th December.

We would like to hear from you about the proposal. If you have any queries or comments to make on the proposed age range change please write to Mrs S McGrath at school or email bursar@carletongreen.lancs.sch.uk .

The Governors will consider all responses. Subject to the consultation the Governors hope that age change will be implemented as soon as possible.

Yours faithfully,

Mrs S McGrath

Headteacher