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PROPOSAL TO LOWER THE AGE RANGE AT JENYNS FIRST SCHOOL, BRAUGHING

I am writing to consult you on a proposal to lower the age range of Jenyns First School to enable nursery aged children to be accommodated in a foundation stage class. This is being proposed to make provision for 3 and 4 year olds in Braughing.

The school intends to provide for these younger children by developing a foundation stage class, teaching reception pupils and nursery aged children together in the same setting.

Please note, there is no automatic right for nursery children to gain a reception place at the school. Parents of nursery aged children would need to apply in the normal way for admission to primary school.

It is proposed that Jenyns would offer 10 part time places for nursery aged children from September 2009. These places would be available for morning sessions within the foundation stage class.

No decisions have yet been taken and we would like to hear your views by 14th April 2009.

You can comment in writing to Jenyns Nursery Consultation, CSF School Planning, Freepost HJ71, Hertfordshire County Council, County Hall, Hertford, SG13 8YD or by email at education.planning@hertscc.gov.uk.

Representatives from the school and CSF officers will be at the school between 5pm and 7pm on Thursday 5th February to answer any queries you may have. Please feel free to come along to the school should you wish to discuss this proposal further.

How and when will the decision be taken?

Once the consultation period ends, a report will be made to Education Panel which will meet in June 2009. Education Panel will make a recommendation to the County Council's Cabinet which meets on 16 June. The Cabinet is made up of key elected members and they will decide how to proceed following feedback from the consultation.

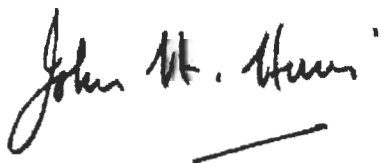


If the Cabinet decides to proceed with the proposal, the County Council will publish a statutory notice. Anybody is entitled to comment or object during the 6 week statutory notice period. If there are any objections to a notice, the decision as to whether or not to proceed with the proposal would be made by the Cabinet in light of the objections received.

The table below outlines the timetable for the decision making process. Please note that meetings marked with an * will be open to the public.

Process	Date
Public Consultation	20 January to 14 April
Education Panel*	3 June
Cabinet*	16 June
Statutory Notices	19 June – 31 July
Decision if no objections to statutory notice (delegated to Director of CSF)	September 2009
Decision if objections to the statutory notice (Cabinet*)	October 2009

Yours sincerely



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