

SOUTHWOOD, DOWNS BARN and GERMANDER PARK SCHOOLS

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Friday 2nd February 2024

Re: Consultation to lower the age of school admission of Germander Park School to 2 years.

Dear parents and carers,

Governors of Boulevard Primary Partnership Schools are writing to you regarding the start of a consultation to lower the age of school admission for Germander Park School from 4 years old to 2 years old.

This would mean that:

- Parents and carers would be able to enrol children at a Nursery in their local community, which is attached to the school that their children will attend
- Germander Park Nursery will replace the previous Pre-School, which was judged as Inadequate by Ofsted
- Eligible working parents of 2 year olds will be able to access 15 hours of childcare support from April 2024 and these would be available at the Germander Park Nursery
- Many parents and carers who currently have siblings split across Downs Barn Nursery and Germander Park School would be able to have all their younger children in the same setting again

We believe that this is a good idea because:

- We already have a dedicated Nursery space, with all appropriate facilities
- Our recent June 2023 Ofsted confirmed that Early Years Provision is Good within the school
- Current pupil projection numbers show that there is a need for Nursery provision in the area

Should the changes be approved, our Germander Park Nursery will open after the 2024 Easter Holidays.

The information in this letter has been sent to parents and carers, staff members and other stakeholders who may be affected by changes to lower the age of admission.

If you would like to discuss the proposal in person, there will be an opportunity to do so on Thursday 15th February 2024 at Germander Park School at 2.45pm. You are also able to give your feedback by email by Friday 8th March at 5pm, when the consultation will close, sending your response to the school office email:

Germander Park: office@germanderpark.com.

The results of the proposal will be released on Friday 15th March 2024.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Yours sincerely

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