



# Marlborough St Mary's CE Primary School

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## PUBLIC CONSULTATION

**Proposal:** Marlborough St Mary's Primary School proposes joining with St Mary's Under Fives Pre-school, to form a School based Nursery. Currently, Marlborough St Mary's Primary School's lower age limit is 4 years old; however, this would be amended to 2 years old upon the Nursery's opening. The provision would offer a high-quality education to children between the ages of 2 and 11 on the existing site, and the Nursery day would be extended from 08:00 – 18:00. This is an exciting proposal that we strongly believe will make a positive difference to the lives and opportunities for the children and families in our community, and build upon the strong foundations of St Mary's Under Fives.

**Purpose of the consultation:** To ensure transparency and openness on the contents of the proposal and allow Parents, Carers and other interested stakeholders to make a representation that will be considered as part of the determination of the proposal.

### Benefits of this proposal:

1. Extending nursery provision on the school site gives children a gentle and familiar start to their school journey, helping them settle quickly and confidently into the learning environment they will grow with over the years. It also allows families to build strong relationships with Staff and the wider school community from the very beginning.
2. Having an extended Nursery on-site makes life easier for families, offering a trusted, consistent setting for siblings. Offering wraparound Education and Care will also reduce the need for families to move between different providers. Children will benefit from early support and a smooth transition into Reception giving them the best possible start.

**Feedback** is important to us, and we welcome your views on the proposed changes. A consultation document which gives a broader picture of this proposal can be found in the News & Dates section on the School's Website <https://www.marlboroughstmarys.wilts.sch.uk> along with Frequently Asked Questions. To access the online consultation, please use the Microsoft form on the website to share your opinion and to ask any questions that you might have. Alternatively, paper copies of the consultation document and form will also be available from the School Office.

### Who are we consulting with?

- Parents and Carers of children who attend Marlborough St Mary's Primary School and St Mary's Under Fives Pre-school
- School and Pre-school Staff, Governors and Trustees
- Childcare providers and other local schools
- Local residents and community groups

**Consultation:** The consultation period will last until **Midday on Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> December** and there will be an informal drop-in session to come and talk to us in person. The drop-in session will be held in the School Hall, between 2:45 and 4:30pm on 26<sup>th</sup> November. We hope that you will come and explore this with us.

