



Marlborough St Mary's CE Primary School

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Dear Neighbours of Marlborough St Mary's Primary School and St Mary's Under Fives Pre-school,

Marlborough St Mary's Primary School and St Mary's Under Fives Pre-school have been co-located for more than 20 years on the school site. The Pre-school and the School enjoy a positive working relationship which benefits the children who attend the School and Pre-school, along with their families.

Recently, the School and the Pre-school have been exploring the possibility of St Mary's Under Fives joining the School and becoming part of Marlborough St Mary's Primary School. The provision would offer a high-quality education to children between the ages of 2 and 11 on the existing site with the Nursery day being extended from 08:00 – 18:00. This is an exciting proposal that we strongly believe will make a positive difference to the lives of and opportunities for the children and families in our community.

The Department for Education (DFE) will need to approve this proposal and should the proposed changes go ahead, the School-based Nursery will transition from September 2026 and open in Summer 2027. The number of nursery-aged children on the site will increase by no more than 12 and families who travel to school by car will be encouraged to access the school's current parking arrangements. The school opening hours will not be changed so additional traffic is not anticipated.

A consultation document which gives a broader picture of this proposal can be found on the School's Website <https://www.marlboroughstmarys.wilts.sch.uk> in the **News and Dates** section 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 at Marlborough St Mary's Primary School.

The consultation period will last until **Midday on Tuesday 9th 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 Wednesday 26th November. We hope that you will come and explore this with us.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your continued support of our School and the Pre-school. Working in partnership with our Community, with children at the heart of our decision-making, has driven these plans to make Marlborough St Mary's Primary School the very best place for learning.

Thank you.

Kind regards,

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Headteacher

Louise Barry & Dan Knight
Co-chairs of Governors

