

**ACTION TAKEN  
BY THE DIRECTOR, EDUCATION**

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Action in accordance with paragraph 3 of authority delegated to the Director, Education under the Constitution of the Council to exercise the functions delegated to the Leader of the Council in relation to school organisation, planning and improvement:

I hereby agree that formal consultation be undertaken with all interested parties on the following proposal:

**Proposal to change the age range for Langenhoe Primary School and close the on-site school run nursery – November 2019**

*Consultation on a proposal to change the age range of the school from 2 years old to 4 years old and close the on-site school run nursery **with effect from September 2020***

**Langenhoe Primary School** has been in discussion with Essex County Council (ECC) over the past few terms looking at the sustainability of the current school run nursery. Unfortunately despite all efforts to increase the uptake of nursery places, numbers continue to be low which means it is not financially viable to continue to run. The school's governing body is very disappointed at this outcome, but has a duty to ensure the school's budget is not effected by the financial pressures the nursery is under. As a result of this, the governing body feels it has no choice but to support the proposal to close the school run nursery with effect from September 2020.

One of the identified reasons for the numbers to remain low is the successful opening of another local early years and childcare setting, which is providing childcare to local families.

Essex County Council has a statutory duty under the Childcare Act (2006), to ensure there is sufficient and accessible high quality early years and childcare provision. (Please see detail in Appendix 1)

EYCC Summer 2018 sufficiency data indicates that there are sufficient numbers of early years and childcare places available in the neighbouring wards, that will meet the needs of local families if the Langenhoe Primary

nursery was to close with effect from September 2020

The governing body of the school has agreed to the proposal to increase the age range and wishes to formally consult on this.

Consultation is estimated to start in the Spring term 2020 for a 4 week period, and will include public engagement sessions.

Signature	Date
Executive Director, Social Care and Education	
Director, Education Clare Kershaw	12 November 2019