

# St Vincent's Catholic Primary School

*To love, serve and learn as Jesus shows us*



## **Consultation on proposed changes to St Vincent's Catholic Primary School with effect from September 2023**

### **Background**

The Governing Body of St Vincent's Catholic Primary School wishes to advise you of their intention to alter the lower age limit of the school to create a Foundation 1 (nursery) class from 1<sup>st</sup> September 2023. This action will be taken under the guidance from the Department for Education to accompany the School Organisation (Prescribed Alterations to Maintained Schools) (England) Regulations 2013 and (Establishment and Discontinuance of Schools) Regulations 2013 which came into force on 28 January 2014 and permit Governing Bodies of all categories of mainstream school to make certain changes to their schools without following a formal statutory process.

### **Specific Proposals**

The Foundation 1 (nursery) provision will be for 10 places (full time equivalent) with children admitted the term after their third birthday. The age range of the school will therefore be 3 – 11 from the start of the 2023/24 academic year.

The Governing Body has identified suitable accommodation within the existing school building and which meets the government's school accommodation guidance regarding the size and physical provision for a nursery/Foundation 1 class. Planning approval is not required for the development.

The school's reception class admission number of 30 will not be changed as a result of this proposal.

### **How to Respond**

The Governing Body of St Vincent's Catholic Primary School want to ensure that parents and any other interested parties have sufficient opportunity to give their views. You are invited to submit comments in writing about the proposal above to: The Chair of Governors, St Vincent's Catholic Primary School, Finlay Avenue, Penketh, Warrington, WA5 2PN.

Alternatively you may wish to e-mail comments to: [stvincents\\_primary@sch.warrington.gov.uk](mailto:stvincents_primary@sch.warrington.gov.uk)

Please submit any comments by Friday 21<sup>st</sup> April 2023.

The Governing Body will meet on 5<sup>th</sup> May to consider the formal ratification of the change.