**Notice of consultation on the proposal to change the age range of St George’s Catholic Primary School (Scarborough), St Cuthbert’s Roman Catholic Academy Trust**

**Background:**

The Department for Education have opened an application round for the School Based Nursery capital grant 2024 – 25 for schools wishing to create or expand nursery provision by using surplus space in primary-phase school buildings.

The grant funding forms part of a wider strategy to increase local access to affordable, high-quality childcare and recognises the positive impact this has on early child development, support for working families and the impact on the local economy.

**St George’s Catholic Primary School proposal:**

St George’s Catholic Primary School, part of St Cuthbert’s Roman Catholic Academy Trust and the Local Authority, proposes to develop a provision for 2-year-old children within the existing school building. In order to develop this provision, St George’s Catholic Primary School, is consulting to change the age range from 3-11 to 2-11 years old.

The purpose of this consultation is to provide information about the proposal and to seek the views of parents and the wider community.

St George’s Catholic Primary School provides early years provision through our foundation stage for 3 and 4 years old’s. Through this proposed expansion we are seeking to provide 2-year old Nursery provision with 10 places, which is available to families for 52 weeks of the year from September 2025. Places will be available for children eligible for 15 or 30 hours of free early education or to those families who wish to pay for this.

Our proposal is to re-model and refurbish surplus space within the existing school building in order to provide a high-quality indoor and outdoor learning environment, design by experts within St Cuthbert’s Roman Catholic Academy Trust. The provision will ensure children enjoy a safe, exciting and nurturing space to grow and develop.

The expansion of our existing early education offer will enable parents to access year-round, high-quality provision for their children within their locality. This in turn will support their development and readiness for school.

**How to respond:**

You are invited to submit comments about the proposal within the consultation period of 3 weeks using the link or QR code on the next page.

The consultation will open between the dates of **Monday 25th November 2024 to Monday 16th December 2024** inclusive, via the link/QR code below.

Following the consultation period the St Cuthbert’s Roman Catholic Academy Trust will consider all responses and take these into account.

**PLEASE DIRECT ANY QUESTIONS YOU HAVE THROUGH THIS FORM AND NOT TO THE HEADTEACHER OF THE SCHOOL DURING THE CONSULTATION PERIOD.**

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