

KENT COUNTY COUNCIL – RECORD OF DECISION

DECISION TAKEN BY:  
Richard Long TD,  
Cabinet Member for Education and Skills

DECISION NO:  
19/00081

**For Publication**

**Subject:** Proposed alteration to the lower age range of Kings Hill School, Crispin Way, Kings Hill, West Malling ME19 4LS to enable establishment of a nursery class.

**Decision:**

**As Cabinet Member for Education and Skills, I agree to:**

- (i) alter the lower the age range of Kings Hill School from 4-11 years to 2-11 years;
- (ii) to enable the school to establish a nursery class from September 2020

**Reason(s) for decision:**

In reaching this decision I have taken into account:

- the views expressed by those who responded to the public education consultation
- the views expressed by those put in writing by the Area Education Officer, the School and the Governing Body.
- the Equalities Impact Assessment regarding this; and
- the views of the Children's, Young People and Education Cabinet Committee which are set out below

**Cabinet Committee recommendations and other consultation:**

Children, Young People and Education Cabinet Committee – 15 November 2019, the Minute extract is as follows:

19/00081 – Kings Hill School alteration of lower age range to enable establishment of a nursery class  
(Item 13a)

Mr Balfour (County Councillor for Malling Rural East) was in attendance for this item

- (1) The local Member attended and supported the proposal.
- (2) In response to a question, Mr Abrahams confirmed that the revenue funding received by the School from the County Council would be received through the funding formula and was part of the early years funding. Mr Dunkley added that the government's early years funding was claimable on a per child basis.
- (3) **RESOLVED** that the proposed decision to be taken by the Cabinet Member for Education and Skills to:
  - (i) alter the lower age range of Kings Hill School from 4-11 years to 2-11 years; and
  - (ii) to enable the school to establish a nursery class from September 2020,

be endorsed.

**Any alternatives considered:**

There are various local private early years care providers who have long waiting lists and do not have the capacity to expand. KCC is also working with another local primary school on a proposal to establish nursery provision. There are no other viable options to consider in the local area where the places are needed.

Any interest declared when the decision was taken and any dispensation granted by the Proper Officer: None



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**Signed**

2 December 2019.....

**Date**