

## KENT COUNTY COUNCIL – RECORD OF DECISION

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

**DECISION NO:**  
20/00039

### **For Publication**

**Subject:** Proposed alteration to the age range of Greenfields Community Primary School, Oxford Road, Maidstone ME15 8DF.

### **Decision:**

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

- (i) alter the age range of Greenfields Community School from 3-11 years to 2-11 years from September 2020.

### **Reason(s) for decision:**

It is proposed to alter the age range of Greenfields Community School from 3-11 years to 2-11 years from September 2020; this will enable the school nursery to extend its offer to provide places for 2 year olds for local disadvantaged families.

The change of age range will enable the use of School Nurseries Capital Fund (SNCF) funding to build additional accommodation in which the school nursery will be able to offer places to children from 2 years of age. This scheme is intended to provide support for the most disadvantaged children within the local area.

### **Financial Implications**

**Capital** – The building works for the proposed scheme will be funded by the SNCF capital grant of up to £369,300.

**Revenue** – The school will also receive revenue funding through KCC based on the number of children in the setting and hours that they attend, through the Early Years Funding Formula which includes Free for 2 funding for eligible children.

**Human** - The school will appoint additional nursery staff as and when appropriate.

### **Equalities Implications**

There is no evidence that the change will impact negatively on pupils from Protected Groups or lead to them being treated less favourably. The school and nursery would remain co-educational and continue to welcome pupils regardless of gender identity, race, ethnicity or religion beliefs.

### **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 decision

### **Cabinet Committee recommendations and other consultation:**

The report was shared with Members of the CYPE Cabinet Committee for comment, prior to a decision being taken.

**Any alternatives considered:**

The options for alternative delivery in other schools were considered in detail as part of the SNCF application process and Greenfields Community School was deemed to be the best venue to offer additional nursery provision to disadvantaged families in the locality.

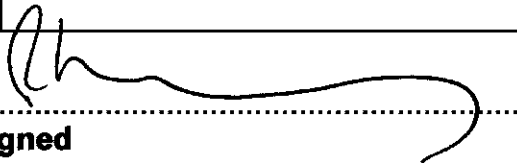
**Any interest declared when the decision was taken and any dispensation granted by the Proper Officer:**

None

19 May 2020

Date

Signed

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