

8th December 2016

Dear Parent/Carer

We are considering changing our **Nursery intake policy** to enable us to have one intake in September (rather than the existing two intakes in September and January).

Over a year ago we lowered our admission age to two years old and absorbed the existing village Preschool. This has enabled the school to take a more active role in the management and development of the preschool to ensure its future. This move has also started to develop a smoother transition throughout the early years for our children in Watton (2-5 years).

Now that this is established, we feel it is the right time to consider having one intake into Nursery which would be each September for all Nursery children. This would also coincide with the government's introduction of 30 hours funding for Nursery age children in September 2017. We have thought very carefully about this and feel it would provide more consistency for all Nursery and Preschool children. A number of schools in Hertfordshire have already taken this step some time ago.

As always, at the heart of any decisions we take we will assure the quality of the provision and learning experience for the children of the Watton-at-Stone community.

If we take the decision to move forward with this, we will work hard to ensure that the transition takes place as seamlessly as possible. We would also want to move along with this transition as quickly as possible in order to provide confidence to the service users and staff.

As a parent of a child currently attending the school, your views are very important to us. We would be grateful if you could answer the following questions to enable us to make an informed decision regarding the way we admit Nursery children in the future.

Thank you for your time.

Zoe Hussain – Headteacher

Charles Clarke – Chair of Governors

**Please complete the details on the back of this letter and return to the school by
Monday 16th January 2016**

Watton at Stone School Parental Consultation:

Do you currently have a child attending our nursery? Yes/No

Do you have a child who may attend our nursery in the future? Yes/No

Do you feel our proposed nursery intake policy would benefit parents and/or children? Yes/No

If yes, please explain further

If no, please explain further

Any other comments

Name