



## Consultation

# Summerfield School – Proposed change of age range

This consultation, running from **Friday 26 June 2026 to Friday 10 July 2026**, seeks views on a proposal to change the age range at Summerfield School from **4 to 11 years** to **9 months to 11 years**, through the future development of school-based nursery provision.

## Background

Summerfield School is a primary school within The Blue Sky Federation, serving the Milton Keynes community and currently educating children aged 4 to 11.

The Federation is exploring how best to extend its provision to support children and families from an earlier age, building on its established strengths in teaching, inclusion and community support.

## Why is this change being proposed?

The expansion of funded childcare entitlements to children from **9 months old** presents a significant opportunity for schools to support families and strengthen early education.

While plans at Summerfield are at an earlier stage of development, the school wishes to:

- formally consult on the principle of lowering its age range
- engage stakeholders early in shaping the future offer
- position itself to respond to **future demand and funding opportunities**

Changing the age range is a necessary first step to allow the school to legally offer provision for younger children.

## What is being proposed?

If approved, the school would:

- lower its age range to **9 months to 11 years**
- develop **early years provision over time**, subject to demand, funding and feasibility
- explore delivery models including:
  - school-run nursery provision
  - partnerships with early years providers
  - phased introduction starting with 2–3-year-olds

At this stage, **no final delivery model has been determined**, and stakeholder feedback will play a key role in shaping future plans.

## Benefits of the proposal

The governing body believes the proposal could:

- improve **long-term access to early years provision locally**
- support **family engagement from an earlier stage**
- strengthen children's **readiness for school**
- enable **continuity of education from infancy to Year 6**
- support **future school sustainability and growth**
- align with **national and local early years priorities**

## Admissions and organisation

- Nursery admissions would be managed by the school (if provision is established)
- Reception admissions would remain through Milton Keynes City Council
- Any future provision would meet **Ofsted and statutory early years requirements**

## Capital and facilities

At this stage:

- no final plans have been agreed regarding site development
- feasibility work will be undertaken following consultation
- any future development will be subject to:
  - funding approval
  - suitability of accommodation
  - planning and regulatory compliance

## What are the next steps?

We welcome views at this early stage.

Responses can be submitted via:

- online form/survey [Blue Sky Federation – Consultation on Nursery Provision \(Heelands & Summerfield Schools\) – Fill in form](#)
- email: [SBNconsultation@tbsf.org.uk](mailto:SBNconsultation@tbsf.org.uk)

**Closing date: Friday 10 July 2026**

Following consultation:

- feedback will inform the school's future planning
- a decision will be made on whether to proceed to the next stage of development

## Who is being consulted?

- Parents and carers
- Staff and governing body
- Local schools
- Early years providers
- Milton Keynes City Council
- Elected representatives
- Wider community stakeholders