



Public Consultation Document:

Proposal to Extend Launceston Primary School Age Range

1. Introduction and Purpose of Consultation

Launceston Primary School is committed to providing outstanding education and the best possible start for every child in our local community. Currently, our school serves pupils aged 4 to 11 (Reception to Year 6).

This document serves as a formal public consultation regarding a proposal to extend the school's age range to include children from the age of 3 to 11.

The primary purpose of this change is to establish a dedicated, school-based Nursery Provision (Early Years Foundation Stage (EYFS) for 3-year-olds), allowing us to offer continuous educational provision from the year before Reception through to the end of primary school. Essentially children will be able to come to Launceston Primary School, a year earlier than the current Reception class.

We are seeking the views of parents, staff, governors, trustees, local schools, local authority representatives, and the wider community on this significant and exciting proposal.

2. Current Status and Proposed Change

Current Age Range

Stage	Age Range	Year Group
Primary Education	4 – 11 Years	Reception – Year 6

Proposed Age Range Extension

Athena Learning Trust proposes to formally extend the age range of Launceston Primary School to: 3 – 11 Years.

This change would allow the establishment of an up to 30 place, full-time nursery provision, aligning with existing free early education entitlements.



Proposed Timeline

Milestone	Proposed Date
Consultation Period Starts	20/11/2025
Consultation Period Ends	11/12/2025
Final Decision by Board of Trustees	19/12/2025
Proposed Nursery Opening Date	September 2026

3. Educational and Strategic Rationale

The proposal is driven by a clear educational and strategic vision to improve outcomes and access for our youngest learners.

3.1. Enhancing the Early Years Curriculum

Integrating the Nursery provision directly into the school allows us to ensure a truly **seamless transition** from the pre-school year into Reception.

- **Consistency:** Children will experience a consistent curriculum (The Early Years Foundation Stage) delivered by practitioners who are integrated into the primary school structure.
- **Familiarity:** Children will become familiar with the school site, staff, routines, and expectations, significantly reducing anxiety and accelerating their readiness for formal schooling at age four.
- **Best practice:** It allows for stronger collaboration between Nursery and Reception staff, ensuring shared pedagogy and assessment practices that benefit pupil development.

3.2. Meeting Community Needs and Local Demand

The demand for high-quality, school-based nursery places within our catchment area is high. This provision will:

- **Support families:** Offer working parents a more convenient and unified approach to childcare and education.
- **Increase choice:** Provide additional capacity and a wider choice for parents accessing their free early education entitlement.
- **Support a community hub:** Solidify the school's role as a central hub for families in the area, engaging parents earlier in their child's educational journey.



4. Operational Considerations and Impact

4.1. Premises and Resources

The Nursery will be located on the ground floor of the current building, close to the current Reception class.

- **Adaptation:** The space will be adapted to meet all statutory requirements for EYFS ratios and safety, including child-sized facilities and a dedicated outdoor learning area.
- **Funding:** We would be applying for the capital costs through the School Based Nursery Capital Grant from the DFE. The provision will be financially sustainable through the Early Years National Funding Formula (EYNFF).

4.2. Staffing

We are committed to recruiting and retaining highly skilled early years professionals.

- **Integration:** Nursery staff will be fully integrated into the whole-school team, participating in school-wide training, ensuring a unified approach to safeguarding and teaching standards.

4.3. Impact on Existing Children

We anticipate the impact on existing children to be overwhelmingly positive. The younger children bring a richness to the school environment, and primary-aged pupils benefit from opportunities for mentoring and leadership roles (e.g., 'reading buddies' with nursery children). The proposed location ensures minimal disruption to existing classroom spaces.



5. How to Respond to this Consultation

We strongly encourage all stakeholders to provide their comments and views on this proposal.

Consultation Period: 20/11/2025 to 11/12/2025

All responses must be received by **5:00 PM on 11/12/2025**.

Complete the Response Form

Please complete the attached response form (Appendix A) and return it via email to secretary@launcestonprimary.uk, or a physical copy to the school.



Appendix A: Consultation Response Form

Proposal: To extend the age range of Launceston Primary School from 4-11 to 3-11 to establish a Nursery Provision.

Question	Your Response
Do you support the Academy's proposal to extend the age range to 3-11?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Undecided
Which stakeholder group do you represent?	<input type="checkbox"/> Parent <input type="checkbox"/> Staff <input type="checkbox"/> Governor <input type="checkbox"/> Trustee <input type="checkbox"/> Local Authority <input type="checkbox"/> Local Resident <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Please specify):
In your opinion, what are the primary benefits of this proposal?	
Do you have any concerns or challenges regarding the proposal that the Academy should consider?	
Do you have any suggestions regarding the location, staffing, or operating hours of the proposed nursery?	

Name (Optional):

Signature (Optional):