

**ST. FRANCIS ROMAN CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL
GOVERNING BODY**

SCHOOL STANDARDS AND FRAMEWORK ACT 1998

**PROPOSAL TO ESTABLISH A NURSERY AT
ST. FRANCIS ROMAN CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN in accordance with Section 28(2) (b) of the School Standards and Framework Act 1998, and the Education (School Organisation Proposals) (Wales) Regulations 1999 (S.I. 1999/1671), that the Governing Body of St. Francis Roman Catholic Primary School, Wilson Road, Ely, Cardiff, CF5 4JL (hereinafter “the School”), having consulted such persons as appeared to it to be appropriate, proposes to make a prescribed alteration to the School by extending the age range from 4-11 to 3-11.

This to be achieved by providing 24 Full Time Equivalent (FTE) nursery places (or 48 part time nursery places). This will enable up to 48 children aged 3-4 (from the term following their third birthday) to receive part time nursery education at the School.

Parents of children who are admitted for nursery education will still need to apply for a place at the School if they want their child to transfer to the reception class. Attendance at the nursery will not guarantee admission to the School.

The Governing Body of the School is responsible for admitting pupils to the School and sets the admission criteria.

The number of pupils to be admitted to the School at age 4/5 in the first year in which the proposal is implemented is to remain at 55.

It is intended that the proposal will be implemented from 1 September 2013.

Within a period of 1 month after the date of publication of this proposal, that is to say by 15 June 2013, any person may object to this proposal. Objections should be sent to the following address:

Schools Management & Effectiveness Division,
Department for Education and Skills,
Welsh Government,
Cathays Park,
Cardiff,
CF10 3NQ

The Welsh Ministers will forward copies of any objections received in the objection period (and not withdrawn in writing) to the Governing Body of the School for their observations.

The Governing Body of the School will forward to the Welsh Ministers, within 2 weeks after the end of the objection period, any observations in respect of the objections received.

The proposal will (unless withdrawn) require the approval of the Welsh Ministers if,

- a) within 2 months after a copy of the proposal is sent to the Welsh Ministers they give notice that they require such approval; or
- b) any objection has been made within the objection period and has not been withdrawn in writing during that period.

Where the proposal does not require such approval, the Governing Body of the School will decide whether to implement it. Such determination shall be made within 4 months after a copy of the said proposal was sent to the Welsh Ministers and the determination shall then be notified to the Welsh Ministers.

Dated this 16 day of May 2013

Signed: Professor Maurice Scanlon

Chair of Governors, St. Francis Roman Catholic Primary School

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This does not form part of the Notice but is intended to explain its general meanings)

It is proposed, that the age range St. Francis Roman Catholic Primary School caters for, is extended from 4-11 to 3-11 by incorporating a nursery class for 24 Full Time Equivalent (FTE) nursery places (or 48 part time nursery places).

This will enable up to 48 children aged 3-4 (from the term following their third birthday until they enter a Reception class) to receive part time nursery education at the school. The Governing Body as admission authority for St. Francis Roman Catholic Primary School, will inform parents that attendance at the nursery will not automatically entitle a child to a reception class place in the primary school.

The admission criteria for application to the nursery will be made available by the school with the primary admission criteria available as part of Cardiff Council's "Admission to Schools" booklet.

Any arrangements for the transport of pupils to the primary school will be made in accordance with the Council's existing policies on school transport.

It is intended that the proposal will be implemented from 1 September 2013 when the nursery opens for admissions.

If the proposal were to be implemented, it is intended that the Governing Body in conjunction with Cardiff County Council would undertake a separate consultation to reduce the Standard Number of the primary school (the number of pupils that can be admitted at Reception). It would be proposed that the reduction would come into effect from 1 September 2015.