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Consultation Letter – Governor Led Nursery Provision (Section 27)

Dear all,

Following the outcome of our successful school based nursery application, I write to consult with you on our plans to set up a Nursery for children aged 3&4 years at Altham St. James' CE Primary School.

The governors are proposing to set up Governor Led nursery provision for 3-4 years from November 2026. The proposed provision will be run under Section 27 of the Education Act. The governing body will use its community facility powers enabling us to provide any charitable purpose (such as early education) for the benefit of families of pupils at the school, or families who live or work in the locality of the school.

From November 2026, we will be opening a purpose-built nursery extension to the Reception classroom, creating a unified EYFS unit of up to 30 children, comprising 15 nursery (3–4) and 15 Reception (4–5) pupils.

The structure of the day will reflect that of the school and will operate from 8.55-3.25 (term time only). Additional wraparound care hours will also be available.

This consultation ends on 5th June 2026. Our governing body will consider any feedback you may wish to offer before making a final recommendation to run our Nursery as a lowered school age.

Please contact school for any further information.

Many thanks for your continued support.

Yours Sincerely,

Carol Woods

Headteacher

