Dear Member of the Newlands Spring community

Please find attached a consultation document on a proposal to lower the age range of Newlands Spring Primary School, Dickens Place, Chelmsford, Essex, CM1 4UU from 4 – 11 years to 3 -11 years.

In the document you will find information relating to a proposal for a change in the provision of childcare and education to the community of Newlands Spring and the surrounding area based on the Newlands Spring Primary School site. It is a proposal to open a nursery class in the building currently used by Newlands Spring Pre-School. This would in effect lower the age range of Newlands Spring Primary School from 4 to 11 years to 3 to 11 years. The vision is to offer a comprehensive wrap around childcare and education service provision for the age group 3-11 years.

The local governing body of Newlands Spring Primary School are keen to listen to the thoughts of the local community regarding this proposal. There will be an Open Forum on Thursday 16th January from 3.30pm – 4.30pm in Newlands Spring Primary School; this will be an opportunity for stakeholders to ask questions etc.

If you have any comments you wish to share or queries we may be able to answer for you please email them to nurseryconsultation@newlandsspring.essex.sch.uk marking your email ‘Newlands Spring Nursery Consultation’. The local governing body will make a decision by the end of the Spring Term 2020 as to whether or not they wish to proceed with this proposal. Please ensure we have received your comments by 21st February 2020 to ensure they are considered in the decision-making process.

If the governing body and trustees decide to move forward with this proposal an application to extend the age range of the school will be made to the Department for Education.

Yours sincerely

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Mrs N Hawkes – Head of Newlands Spring Primary School