

Thursday, June 4, 2026

Consultation on Proposed Closure of Nursery Provision

Glebe Primary School is consulting on a proposal to close its nursery provision. If approved, the school's age range would change from **3–11 years to 4–11 years**, effective from **1 September 2026**.

We value our school community and are seeking views before any decision is made.

What is being proposed?

Glebe Primary school is proposing to close the nursery provision at the school. As a result, the school's age range would change from 3-11 years to 4-11 years so that it no longer includes nursery-aged children as of 1st September 2026.

As a local school, we greatly value our school community and we are committed to working with you. We are consulting to gather your views before any next steps are taken.

Why is this being considered?

Due to persistently low numbers of children attending, we are proposing the closure of the school-based nursery provision at Glebe Primary School.

Despite our efforts to promote the nursery over the past three years, we have been unable to achieve pupil numbers that make the provision financially viable. With a range of alternative nursery providers in the local area, alongside a national decline in birth rates, local data suggests that this situation is unlikely to change in the foreseeable future.

Unfortunately, these factors mean that the long-term sustainability of the nursery is not secure.

Impact on Staffing

Please be assured that changing the age range and closing the Nursery will not have any effect on staffing at Glebe Primary School, as all the current Nursery staff will be redeployed within the school.

What is the process?

This consultation is part of the formal process for making significant changes in academy schools:

- We are inviting feedback from stakeholders
- United Learning will review all responses before making a decision
- If the proposal proceeds, an application will be submitted to the Department for Education (DfE)



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- The DfE will then make the final decision

We expect United Learning to make a decision shortly after the consultation period ends.

Who are we consulting?

We are seeking views from:

- Parents and carers
- Staff
- The Local Authority
- The wider community

How to respond

We welcome your views and encourage you to respond. You can do this by:

- Email: office@glebeprimary.co.uk
- In writing: School Office, Glebe Primary School, Church Lane, Southwick, BN42 4GB

The consultation will run for three weeks from Thursday 4th June 2026 and responses must be received by Thursday 25th June 2026.

Your views

To help inform the decision, we ask:

- Do you support the proposed closure of the nursery?
- What impact do you think this may have on families or the local community?
- Are there any alternatives you feel should be considered?

Frequently Asked Questions

What will happen to current nursery children?

We will work closely with families to support transition arrangements and ensure continuity of provision.

Will this affect Reception or the main school?

No. The proposal relates only to nursery provision and the vast majority of our children will be starting reception in September.

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When would the change take place?

This will depend on the outcome of the consultation and the DfE decision. We will keep you fully informed throughout.

How will responses be used?

All responses will be carefully considered before any decision is made.

Yours sincerely,

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