



## **Proposed pre-school ('Little Acorns') at Bibury CofE Primary School**

Bibury CofE School is planning to set up a pre-school provision for 4 children on our school site. Our aim is to provide funded and non-funded places for children aged 3 and 4 years old, within the context of an expanding village setting to meet the needs of parents.

'Little Acorns' would run for 38 weeks per year in line with school term times with sessions from 9:00am – 12:00pm and 12:00pm – 3:00pm. A committee consisting of staff and Governors will be responsible for managing the provision.

We intend to open the new pre-school in September 2023. We aim to be unique to the local area in that a L3 Teaching Assistant supported by a qualified teacher, following the Forest School initiative already established will lead 'Little Acorns'.

We are seeking responses to this consultation by noon on **Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> June 2023**, either by returning the attached response form to the school office, or via email to [clerk@bibury.gloucs.sch.uk](mailto:clerk@bibury.gloucs.sch.uk) for the attention of Mr Anthony Godwin Chair of Governors.

We appreciate that you may have questions on the proposal and have tried to answer some of these below:

### **Why are we proposing to open an Early Years Pre-school setting?**

Bibury Primary School would like to ensure that 3 and 4 year olds in the locality have access to sufficient local pre-school provision.

### **Do staff and governors support the proposal?**

Yes, the Governing Body, Headteacher and staff at Bibury Primary School positively support the proposal as they believe it would benefit current and future pupils, the local community and enhance existing school provision.

### **Will the proposal disrupt the education of pupils currently at the school?**

No, by having a pre-school on site, we firmly believe it will further enhance the provision at the school. No external building work is needed; therefore, no disruption to current pupils will occur.

### **Why are we consulting now?**

We are keen to understand the views of our local community and so, as per best practice recommended by the Department for Education, we have incorporated a period of consultation into the decision-making process. The consultation will run from **Friday 26<sup>th</sup> May 2023 until noon on Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> June 2023**.

### **Will the proposal have any impact on admission to the school's reception class?**

No, the school admission arrangements will remain unchanged. Please see the school admissions policy on the website for further guidance.

### **What are the next stages in the process?**

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Responses received throughout the consultation process, which ends at noon on Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> June 2023, will be analysed and we will publish the outcome on our school website.

**How can I respond to this consultation?**

Please complete the attached consultation response form and return it to the school office for the attention of Mr Anthony Godwin, Chair of Governors. Alternatively, please email [clerk@bibury.gloucs.sch.uk](mailto:clerk@bibury.gloucs.sch.uk)

We would really welcome your views on our proposal and look forward to receiving your completed response form. Should you have any additional queries please contact us at the address or email above.

Thank you for your interest.

Mrs Anthony Godwin  
Chair of Governors

Mrs Suki Pascoe  
Executive Headteacher

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## Proposed pre-school ('Little Acorns') at Bibury CofE Primary School To:

Chair of Governors, Bibury Primary School.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ (please print)

I am: (please tick all that apply)

A parent/guardian of a child at Bibury CofE Primary School

A parent/guardian of a pre-school child

A close neighbour of the school

A member of the local community

A member of staff/governor

Other \_\_\_\_\_

I am in favour of Bibury CofE Primary School providing a pre-school provision on site:

**YES/ NO** (please delete as appropriate)

I am the parent of a pupil who will be age 3 in the academic year 2023/24 and would like to express an interest in a place at Little Acorns pre-school:

**YES/ NO** (please delete as

appropriate)

If you would like further information please provide your email address to enable us to contact you:

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Any Other Comments:

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