



# Morland Area C. of E. Primary School & Mini Morlanders' Pre-School



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## Change of Age Range

To Whom It May Concern,

The Governors of Morland Area C of E Primary School, High Street, Morland CA10 3AT (Westmorland and Furness Local Authority - WAF) wish to make public their intention to change the age range, from the current 3-11 years to 2-11 years.

This proposal is also available on the schools website [www.morlandarea.cumbria.sch.uk](http://www.morlandarea.cumbria.sch.uk)

- Hard copies of the proposal may be collected from the school office.
- Objections and/or comments on the proposal can be made by e-mailing [admin@morlandarea.cumbria.sch.uk](mailto:admin@morlandarea.cumbria.sch.uk)
- Alternatively, comments (objections or support) should be submitted to The Governors, Morland Area C of E Primary School, Morland, Cumbria, CA10 3AT.
- The representation period ends on Friday 16<sup>th</sup> May 2025.

Morland Area C of E Primary School currently operates wrap-around care for children aged 3-11 years.

There is a need identified by Westmorland and Furness Local Authority for 2-year-old provision by local families. A supply and demand analysis has shown that across Westmorland & Furness we may need:

- September 2024 – 104 extra childcare places
- September 2025 – 485 additional places

In September 2024 supply and demand data shows possible gaps in the following wards, in order of the largest gap:

- Old Barrow and Hindpool, Ormsgill and Parkside
- Windermere and Ambleside
- Kendal – all of the wards
- Risedale and Roosecoat
- Hesket and Lazonby
- Hawcoat and Newbarns
- Dalton North
- **Eden and Lyvennet Vale**

Following a suitability assessment by WAF, it is proposed that Morland Area C of E Primary School extends the age range to support families with the need for such childcare arrangements. The provision will provide a maximum of 10 2-year-old places.

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The arrangements for these childcare places are self-funding in terms of staffing. It is proposed a small extension to the existing building to link with the provision and resources that are already in place as part of the Early Years Provision. The improvements are being funded by a grant from Westmorland and Furness Local Authority (already secured) and capital funding from the school budget. Additionally, the school has been successful in applying for DfE expansion of childcare & wraparound capital funding.

Currently there is no 2-year-old provision in our catchment area. Nearby provision is available at Bolton Nursery and Little VIP's (Lowther). With the projected demands for extra places – especially in September 2025 – the spaces created will not detract from their provisions running at the same capacity they are now.

Current evidence is that the places will fill from our own catchment. Parents from other school catchments would be able to apply for places but as per our memorandum of understanding between cluster schools would then be encouraged to apply to their catchment schools when children are of statutory school age.

Any feedback from this consultation will be considered collectively by the Governing Body after the closing date of 16<sup>th</sup> May.

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