

**Outcome of consultation to lower the age range of Wykebeck Primary School from 3-11 years to 2-11 years with effect from September 2023**

Anonymised representations received during initial consultation (17 October – November 06 2022)

Response number	Comments on the proposal	Response
1	It would be so much easier for children to create life long friends and they wouldnt have any anxieties about meeting a load of new faces	Strongly support
2	Although there are many educational benefits that will have a positive impact in their Maths , English and language ; We have to understand that this age is still rather vulnerable mentally and emotionally and therefore need a smaller ratio. Additionally , there's a risk of exploiting staff with particular work load when in reality , this age group needs a lot of nurture at this time	Somewhat support
3	Because i need a nusersy from 2 years and i accept this school	Strongly support
4	It's so hard for people to find out about childcare options especially if they have English as another language. The school is familiar and likely to be more trusted, increasing uptake, thereby giving more parents esp women a break from toddlers, so they might have a chance for self-care and or ESOL classes, seeing friends, work, volunteering, exercise, groups, resting, etc.	Strongly support
5	I don't know if any other council funded nursery in Gipton south it would definitely help families in the area I have older children that attend Wykebeck and if the age is lowered it would mean my youngest child would be able to attend the same school	Strongly support
6	There is a lack of provision for 2 year olds in this area. I work in the early years sector and the team I work in support families to find early education places. The more children we can support into early education the more chance they have in reaching their full potential	Strongly support
7	Green lighting the lack of responsibility taken by parents for the raising of their own children. This proposal advertises the state making it too easy for parents to do nothing.	Strongly oppose
8	My ■ children go to wykebeck and it is a lovely school and I trust the teachers whole heartedly. My daughter has just turned ■ but is very shy meeting new people but she loves all the teachers at wykebeck	Strongly support
9	Better for parents who work	Strongly support
10		Somewhat support

11	2 year old children are at a very vulnerable age, These children now are even more vulnerable due to covid having robbed them of a normal childhood so far. To throw them into education too young seems a damaging prospect when too many of these children still haven't built up solid relationships within their own families. Let them have some time to recover without a spotlight and added pressure to meet standards,	Strongly oppose
12		Strongly support
13		Strongly support