

Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)

We know that many people will have questions regarding the proposals to allow a nursery on site. Therefore, we have tried to answer the questions that we feel may arise. If you have anything else you would like to ask please contact enquiries@wygateparkacademy.net and a meeting with either Mrs Devine or Dr Early can be arranged.

Why are we proposing to lower the entry age of the children joining our school?

Supporting the government's policy on providing 15 and 30 hours Funded Early Education for 3- and 4-year-olds in schools, we propose for our school to open a nursery and provide a secure, stimulating, quality nursery provision.

Will the proposal have any impact on the school's admissions arrangements?

It is proposed that we would offer 29 places, full time (30 hours) for 3- and 4-year-olds from September 2025. It would be a term time only nursery and run in the parameters of the normal school day.

It is important to note there is no automatic right for nursery aged children to gain a Reception place at Wygate Park Academy. Parents of nursery aged children would need to apply in the normal way for admissions to the school. It would not change the current admissions process.

Do the Local Authority, MAT & Staff support the proposal?

The Local Authority, Voyage Education Partnership Exec Team and staff support the proposal as they believe the school community would benefit from lowering the entry age of pupils to include a nursery.

How many children will the nursery take?

We would take a maximum of 29 children full time.

Where will the nursery be based?

The nursery will be based in the school building where the current Y6 classroom is. This will allow us to then create an "Early Years Hub" with Nursery and EYFS situated in the same part of the building, allowing Nursery children to access the outdoor area, as well as their own dedicated outdoor learning spaces.

What do you plan to do about any extra traffic the nursery and extended schools service may cause?

We anticipate that the majority of the children in the nursery would be siblings or very local. With the school losing 34 children from Year 6 and gaining a maximum of 29 full time Nursery children at any one time, this will not increase the amount of traffic we have currently. Nursery times would also be a proposed 9:00am start with a proposed 3:30pm finish, to also help avoid "peak times" at collection and drop off. We would encourage and promote a 'walk to school' culture with the support of our local businesses.

I have a child at Wygate Park Academy will this affect their education?

The proposed nursery would not affect the quality of education offered to Wygate Park Academy children. School facilities may be used by the nursery but never to the detriment of other school pupils. We see the Nursery as a positive addition to the school and one which will provide children an even more seamless entry into our school way of life.

The surrounding area already have a nurseries and other pre-schools provision why do we need another one?

The Local Authority have identified our area as a community where there are not enough Nursey places available for children. The Local Authority suggest there is currently a deficit of 108 places for 3 & 4 year olds and for 2025 this is at a deficit of 85 places.

Our nursery would be teacher led, offering 30-hour places. This builds the stamina or pupils helping them to be school ready. It means that parents who receive 30 hours funded childcare can use all 30 hours at our proposed nursery including lunchtime (9am – 3:30pm, 5 days a week).