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St John Vianney Nursery Consultation Responses – January 2022

Consultation Comments	Our Response
<p>The majority of consultation responses were in favour of the proposal to create a nursery for St John Vianney Catholic Primary School and respondents felt that it would be a positive addition to the school, particularly with the offer of wraparound care which would be of benefit to working parents.</p> <p>Comments included:</p> <p><i>“It will enhance 3-11 year old education”</i> <i>“Wholeheartedly support – best of luck with the planning process”</i> <i>“Hugely positive addition to SJV, especially offering wraparound care for working parents”</i> <i>“We are really interested in the proposal for a nursery. Our daughter is 3 in January and for us personally, this would be brilliant”.</i></p>	<p>We are delighted that there appears to be such a high level of interest in the proposal for a school nursery and wraparound childcare, which was also reflected in the local survey which was carried out last year.</p> <p>Providing that planning permission to proceed with the nursery is obtained, we will continue to communicate with parents who have expressed an interest in applying for a nursery place for their child for September 2022. Where parents would like to be contacted with ongoing updates regarding the nursery, they are invited to leave their contact details with the school office so that they can be added to the distribution list (those parents who responded to this consultation will automatically be included in future communications with prospective parents).</p>
<p>Questions were submitted about the impact that the new nursery may have on other local nursery provision, particularly those with low numbers.</p>	<p>The planned opening of the St John Vianney school nursery will coincide with the closure of a neighbouring pre-school, therefore the number of nursery places available in the local area will not increase overall.</p>



	<p>Whilst there are some local schools with nursery spaces available, there is only one Catholic school within a one mile radius that offers school nursery provision and that nursery is mornings only and does not provide wraparound care.</p> <p>Parents in the area have a preference for all day nursery school provision with wrap around care. Local authority data shows that there is very limited availability of this type of provision within a 1 mile radius of the proposed nursery.</p> <p>With the plans to develop a new housing estate in the area over the coming years, we anticipate that there will be further demand for nursery and school places in the area, which does not appear to be following the same trend as the majority of the city in terms of rapidly falling birth-rates.</p>
<p>Concerns were raised from a local resident regarding the location of the school site and the dangers that they felt this causes in terms of traffic congestion and parking issues.</p>	<p>We feel that the opening of the new nursery would have little impact on the current traffic flow into the school area at the start and end of the school day. Many of the nursery pupils will be part of a larger family who already make the journey to and from school with siblings.</p> <p>With the flexible nursery offer of morning-only and afternoon-only places, this will mean that some parents are collecting and dropping off their children at different times of the day, outside of the peak times. Parents and carers are also able to use parking at St John Vianney Parish Church.</p> <p>The nursery will be built on a clear area of land within the school grounds with a separate pedestrian entrance gate and path into school, ensuring that the children can arrive on site safely.</p>