

## Record of operational decision

<b>Decision title:</b>	To approve the proposal to add a governor run nursery at Peterchurch Primary School from 1 September 2024
<b>Date of decision:</b>	10 July 2024
<b>Decision maker:</b>	Head of Educational Development
<b>Authority for delegated decision:</b>	The authority for the specified officer to take this decision as set out in the Children and Young Peoples scheme of delegation line 91.  <a href="https://councillors.herefordshire.gov.uk/documents/s50111047/Children%20and%20Young%20People%20Scheme%20of%20Delegation.pdf">https://councillors.herefordshire.gov.uk/documents/s50111047/Children%20and%20Young%20People%20Scheme%20of%20Delegation.pdf</a>
<b>Ward:</b>	Golden Valley North
<b>Consultation:</b>	<p>Peterchurch primary school conducted a public consultation from Friday 6th June 2024 – Thursday 4th July 2024</p> <p>16 responses were received in total. 10 were Parent/carers, 5 were staff/governors and 2 local professionals.</p> <p>All responses supported the proposal.</p> <p>Main Reasons below:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• There is currently not enough pre-school and nursery provision in the area which means that there are children who are unable to access this.</li> <li>• It would be great from a community perspective.</li> </ul>
<b>Decision made:</b>	Approve the addition of a governor run nursery at Peterchurch Primary school
<b>Reasons for decision:</b>	<p>The Childcare Act (2006) requires local authorities in England to ensure there is sufficient childcare for children (aged 0 to 17 years old) of working parents, parents studying or training, and for disabled children within their local area.</p> <p>In the Spring 2023 Budget, the Government announced a package of increased childcare support. One of the areas of addition support allows working parents to access 30 hours of free childcare per week, for 38 weeks of the year, from when their child is 2 years old to when they start school. This rolled out in April 2024.</p> <p>There has been housing growth in the Peterchurch over recent years with a further 89 dwellings receiving outlined planning approval in June 24. As a result, demand for childcare is also increasing.</p> <p>In May 2024, Golden Valley Pre-school, which was located on the Peterchurch Primary site, closed leaving a need for addition capacity in the golden valley.</p> <p>Opening a nursery will help to support parents and carers wishing to go back to work/education, and therefore supports economic growth.</p>

<b>Highlight any associated risks/finance/legal/equality considerations:</b>	none
<b>Details of any alternative options considered and rejected:</b>	The only other option is to do nothing.
<b>Details of any declarations of interest made:</b>	none

Signed..... Date: 10 July 2024

Head of Educational Development