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Morton Primary Academy is consulting on a proposal to expand the school's age range to include 3–4-year-old nursery aged children, enabling the school to open our school-based nursery as part of the national School-Based Nursery Fund capital programme.

We are proposing to update the school's age range from 5-11 to 3-11, allowing us to deliver expanded early years provision onsite. To accommodate such, a maximum of 15 places will be added to the school. This will help respond to increasing local need for high-quality early education and childcare, support the families within the community, and make effective use of available space at the school.

Why is this change needed?

Local data and informal feedback indicate increasing pressure on nursery and early years place in Morton, Alfreton, particularly as families seek provision that is high quality, inclusive, and closely aligned with their primary school of choice. Establishing onsite nursery provision will:

- Provide families with a seamless transition into Reception
- Offer convenient, joined up provision for families with siblings
- Expand the availability of funded childcare places in the area
- Make effective use of school facilities and surplus space

This proposal has been developed in collaboration with the Derbyshire County Council, in line with local childcare sufficiency needs.

How to share your views:

We invite you to complete our short online consultation survey. Your views will help shape our proposal and will be summarised in our application to the Department for Education. Please submit your response by no later than 10th of December 2025 (17:00).

Consultation link:

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/MNTHMMZ>