



## APPENDIX F

To Staff, Parents/Carers and other interested parties

3 February 2012

Dear Consultee

### **Proposal to alter the lower age limit from 3 to 4 years at Grantham Belton Lane Community Primary School**

Lincolnshire County Council, in collaboration with the school, is commencing a consultation process on the proposal to amend the age range from 3 – 11 years to 4 – 11 years at Belton Lane Community Primary School, Green Lane, Grantham NG31 9PP.

It is the Local Authority's (LA) statutory duty to maintain a sufficient number of early years places in Lincolnshire. The LA works with the maintained sector and also private, voluntary and independent providers to fulfil this duty. The designated nursery class at the school has been closed for 2 years and the LA believes that the provision of a LA maintained nursery class is no longer necessary at Belton Lane Community Primary School. This proposal will lead to the removal of the nursery class at the school but there will continue to be sufficient early years places in the area to ensure adequate provision and choice for parents in Grantham. This proposal will not affect the existing voluntary child care provider, The Pre-school Learning Alliance, which will continue to operate from the school site as it does now. It is however important that the LA gather and consider all views on this proposal prior to making a decision on how to proceed. Following statutory consultation, if the proposal is approved, the age range will be amended with effect from 31 August 2012.

If you would like further information or would like to comment on this proposal then please return the attached form, email [provisionplanning@lincolnshire.gov.uk](mailto:provisionplanning@lincolnshire.gov.uk) or write to Property & Technology Management, Lincolnshire County Council, County Offices, Lincoln LN1 1YQ by 23<sup>rd</sup> March 2012.

Copies of consultation documentation including an electronic version of the feedback form, can be found online at [www.lincolnshire.gov.uk/provisionplanning](http://www.lincolnshire.gov.uk/provisionplanning) under "Current Consultations"

Yours sincerely

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