

		<b>Comment</b>	<b>Interest</b>
1	Yes	<p>Do you consider it desirable that the age range of the school is changed from 4-11 to 3-11 and a nursery class is set up at our school?</p> <p>My feeling is that this would be a positive addition to the school. From my observations, children who attend a school nursery almost always then apply to the school itself. This would give Goathland a desired boost in pupil numbers. Having a specialist Early Years teacher (and an existing play-based environment) would make this change relatively easy to manage. The option of extending the nursery until 3pm would also be a positive step for working families, although having a true 'after school' club would open up this lovely school to even more children.</p>	Prospective Parent
2	No	<p>I feel this would take away from the local playgroup many children (and now adults) have attended. When the children attend the local playgroup this also gives them the opportunity to mix with other children from surrounding villages which does help when the child leaves primary school to secondary school, therefore having friends from other villages which makes the transition less daunting, especially if your child is the only one moving up.</p> <p>I know the school are desperate to increase numbers and it would be interesting to see the potential forecast of numbers you would be looking at.</p> <p>I strongly believe the school need to concentrate on the current age range and teaching criteria as it certainly isn't all about Maths and English, although important the children need to learn through fun. The school need to develop what they have already and should be an outstanding school, rather than one children look forward to seeing friends but not the constant repetitive lessons.</p>	Parent

3	Yes	My only worry would be that there would be an impact on the learning of the Base 1 children. Is the infants classroom to be divided up or are all the children in the infants to be together?	Parent
4	Yes	This would certainly benefit the younger generation within the village and the surrounding area. Community and working together plays a vital role in the upbringing of our children. If this was an option years ago I certainly would have used the school instead of traveling out of the village.	Parent
5	Yes	This all sounds very exciting and would be very beneficial for my child to start next April if this get approved.	Prospective Parent
6	Yes	This would help both children and parents have a seamless transition between early years settings. Being in a small school environment will also promote learning at an earlier age. It is important that having 3 year olds within the school doesn't then restrict the reception and above from attending school trips/outings. Child and staff ratio would potentially need increasing if pupil numbers increased. i.e if numbers in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 increased as well as Early Years. The impact on teaching reception phonics and meeting the demands on years 1 and 2 may be effected if larger numbers.	Parent
7	Yes	I think this would be a fantastic opportunity to bring younger children in the Goathland School family. The continuity of education would be improved and families with children already in attendance would have less disruption as they would only have one venue to attend. The only concern I have is that the current base one arrangement is fully open plan with one teacher. If the numbers were sufficient I would hope an extra member of staff would be made available. Overall I fully support this proposal and think it would become a great asset for the school and the community.	Parent
8	Yes	We will be moving into the area shortly and are looking forward to our 4yr old daughter starting in the school. We also have a 2yr old daughter and it would be extremely helpful to us if the school were able to accommodate her when she turns 3. The locality of the	Prospective

		school, ease of her being in the same place as her sister and the provision of education by the wonderful staff would be something we would be very grateful for.	
9	Yes	It was felt it was a good ideal, especially to help with numbers.	Goathland Parish Council.
10	Yes	<p>In short, yes we do think that this proposal desirable and that we could potentially benefit from this new facility when our younger child turns 3.</p> <p>However, we do have some concerns regarding the impact these changes could have on the current pupils learning in Base 1. The significance of these concerns would largely be determined by just how many preschoolers would be in attendance, and for how many hours of school week they would be present.</p> <p>As we understand it the states there could be potentially up to 13 pre-schoolers joining Base 1 at certain times of the week, mornings only if wrap around care is not provided, but we are concerned that that if the number of pre-schoolers were to outnumber the older children, the older children would be disadvantaged in their learning, as they will effectively become a small minority in a large class. This would be more of a concern for the key stage 1 pupils than reception year.</p> <p>The youngest children will also need the attention of staff in not only learning and play also assistance with toilet / potty training/ nappy changes etc which will also detract from the amount of time staff can dedicate to teaching the older children. Preschoolers will also be less able to play and learn quietly than the older children when quieter times are necessary for concentration and more advanced learning. While the classroom and outside space can be separated to a degree, there will always be a finite amount of space available for all of the children.</p>	Parent

		<p>Our preference would be for preschool care to be offered to a small number of children for a few hours a week, rather than the potential of up to 13 for a whole school week. if this is feasible.</p> <p>Our personal circumstances mean that we would not currently be interested in paying for wrap around care for our youngest daughter, but we potentially may be interested in her attending one or two mornings a week, no more than this routinely though.</p> <p>We hope that this does not come as sounding too negative as we are absolutely thrilled with how our child has settled into school at Goathland and progressed throughout. We really like the small school setting for then and been very impressed over and over by the level of attention they receive together with all the frequent additional thoughtful and personal touches added to their daily routine from all the staff and teachers. They seem to be flourishing in a small class which is exactly what we had hoped and one of the reasons Goathland was our first choice. We are sure you will therefore appreciate why this proposed change to the current set up, although potentially providing a good opportunity for our younger child, has also been met with some trepidation when we consider what be best our older child who is already settled in reception. We are more than to discuss this further if you wish to us.</p>	
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