



Monday 6th January 2025

Dear Parents and Carers

Conversion to Primary School

In September, together with all other schools in the Pershore area, we undertook a consultation exercise with parents and the local community on changing the age range at Fladbury to enable us to become a Primary School. Responses to the consultation from our parents were overwhelmingly positive. Since then, we have been eagerly awaiting the final decision from Worcestershire County Council.

We are excited to confirm that today we have received that notification. As a result, we are finally able to confirm that from September 2025 we will convert to a Primary School, with a revised age range of 3-11.

This means that our current Year 4 children will be able to remain at Fladbury and will become our very first Year 5 cohort. In September 2026 those children will become Year 6 at Fladbury and by September 2027 they will be able to move directly to Pershore High School.

We are thrilled that the decision has finally been made and we have already begun making plans, in line with our 5 Year strategy. This is available on the school website, or by clicking here: [Fladbury C.E. First School 5 Year Strategy](#)

Over the course of the next few months we will work towards:

- Continuing to develop an exciting curriculum for our Upper Key Stage 2 children (Year 5 and 6)
- Working with the Diocese to ensure that all areas at the rear of school provide usable space for the children's outdoor activities.
- Building a new classroom which will provide a purpose-built Early Years environment for the children in Pre-School and Reception.
- Re-configuring the current classrooms to provide a Year 5/6 classroom and an additional creative space.
- Creating stimulating learning environments for both our Year 1/2 pupils and Year 3/4.

We will, of course, continue to keep you updated on the progress of this exciting new phase in the history of Fladbury C.E. School. In the meantime, if you have any questions at all please do not hesitate to get in touch with one of us via email head@fladbury.worcs.sch.uk or emather@fladbury.worcs.sch.uk

Yours sincerely,

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Dear parent carer, governor or member of staff,

Pershore Education Planning Area – forthcoming changes and impacts on School Admissions

Decisions have been reached to extend the age ranges of all the first schools to become primary schools. The middle schools in Pershore will no longer have a point of entry into Year 5 for September 2025, and Pershore High Schools intake will be expanded to accommodate all Year 7 pupils in the area from September 2027.

School	Age range in 2025	Age range in 2026	Age range from 2027
Abbey Park First & Middle	2-12	2-12	2-11 (Year 7 closed)
Crowle CE First	5-10 (Year 5 added)	5-11 (Year 6 added)	5-11
Defford-Cum-Besford CE First	5-10 (Year 5 added)	5-11 (Year 6 added)	5-11
Fladbury CE First	3-10 (Year 5 added)	3-11 (Year 6 added)	3-11
Pinvin CE Academy	2-12	2-12	2-11 (Year 7 closed)
St Barnabas CofE First and Middle	2-12	2-12	2-11 (Year 7 closed)
Upton Snodsbury CofE First	5-10 (Year 5 added)	5-11 (Year 6 added)	5-11
Pershore High	11-18	11-18	11-18 (all Year 7 places for area)

If your child attends one of the above schools, the table below summarises how these changes may impact your child's future journey through the education system in Pershore:

My child is currently in:	What will happen in September 2025?	What will happen in September 2026?	What will happen in September 2027?
Year R to Year 3	Move into next year in current school	Move into next year in current school	Move into next year in current school
Year 4	Move into Year 5 in current school	Move into Year 6 in current school	Apply for a year 7 school place by 31 Oct 2025
Year 5	Move into Year 6 in current school	Move into Year 7 in current school	Apply for and move into Year 8 in high school by 31 Oct 2026
Year 6	Move into Year 7 in current school	Apply for and move into Year 8 in high school by 31 Oct 2025	
Year 7	Apply for and move into Year 8 in high school by 31 Oct 2024		

Parent carers of children currently in Year 4 in the first schools:

Parent carers of Year 4 children have been making applications for the next phase of their children's education for September 2025 for middle schools.

The decisions have been reached to extend the age ranges of the first schools to become primary schools and the middle schools in Pershore will no longer have a point of entry into Year 5 for September 2025.

This means that your child will be able to remain on roll at their current first school in Year 5 for September 2025 and will no longer need to move on to middle schools. You do not need to take any further action. The School Admissions Team will withdraw your application for Pershore middle school places.

If, however, you wish your child to move schools, whether that be to a school outside of the Pershore Education area for Year 5 or to a different school in Pershore, please contact the School Admissions team to discuss your application. The closing date for applications is 15th January 2025.

Whichever decision you reach, please keep your current school fully informed.

Parents of children currently in the middle schools:

The middle schools in Pershore will no longer have a point of entry into Year 5 for September 2025, so no new children will join the school in Year 5 in September 2025.

The decision has been reached to expand the number of Year 7 places available at Pershore High School from September 2027; in order to see what that means for your child please see the table below:

My child is currently in:	What will happen in September 2025?	What will happen in September 2026?	What will happen in September 2027?
Year 5	Move into Year 6 in current school	Move into Year 7 in current school	Apply for and move into Year 8 in high school by 31 Oct 2026
Year 6	Move into Year 7 in current school	Apply for and move into Year 8 in high school by 31 Oct 2025	
Year 7	Apply for and move into Year 8 in high school by 31 Oct 2024		

If, however, you wish your child to move schools to a school outside of the Pershore Education area for Year 6, 7 or 8, you can still continue with or make an application for another middle or high school outside of the area. That application will remain in place if you have already applied. The closing date for any other middle school applications at the normal point of entry is 15th January 2025. If you have not already applied for Year 7 or Year 8 in a high school, please be aware that any application received after 31st October 2024 is a late application.

If you wish your child to be considered for a place in an existing year group in any other schools, you are entitled to make an in-year application, which you can do online at the beginning of June 2025. Your child will still have a place in their current school, until you move them to another school.

Contact:

To discuss an application with the School Admissions team, or if you have any queries about a potential move between schools, please contact schooladmissions@worcestershire.gov.uk

If you have any queries about the changes in age ranges of these schools, please contact pershorereview@worcestershire.gov.uk

Yours sincerely

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