

10th July 2026

Dear Parents, Carers, Staff, Governors and Members of the Local Community,

Bowes Primary School: Outcome of Consultation – Two-Year-Old Provision

On behalf of the Trust Board of Connect Education Trust, I would like to thank everyone who took the time to participate in our recent consultation regarding the proposal to establish a two-year-old provision at Bowes Primary School.

The consultation closed on Tuesday 7th July 2026, and I am delighted to confirm that there was an overwhelmingly positive response to the proposal, with the vast majority of respondents expressing their support. We received a significant number of positive responses from parents, carers, staff and members of our wider community, reflecting a shared commitment to providing the very best start in education for our youngest learners.

The Trust Board has carefully considered all feedback received during the consultation period. Having reviewed the responses, we are pleased to confirm that the proposal has been formally approved and the new two-year-old provision is planned to open in due course, pending DfE approval.

Following DfE approval, the introduction of this provision will mark an exciting milestone for Bowes Primary School. It will enhance our Early Years offer by providing a seamless educational journey from the age of two through to Reception, enabling more children to benefit from high-quality early education within a familiar, nurturing environment.

This provision will:

- Increase access to high-quality early education for local families.
- Support eligible families in accessing funded childcare places.
- Strengthen children's communication, language and social development from an earlier age.
- Provide a smooth transition into our existing Nursery and Reception classes.
- Further strengthen Bowes Primary School's role at the heart of our community.

We are also pleased to announce that expressions of interest for places are now open. Families interested in securing a place for their child for the academic year 2026-2027 are invited to contact the school office for further information regarding eligibility, funding arrangements and the admissions process. We encourage families to register their interest as early as possible. At this time, we cannot guarantee the provision will be approved by the DfE.

We would like to thank everyone who participated in the consultation and express our gratitude for the continued support shown to Bowes Primary School and Connect Education Trust. Your feedback has been invaluable in helping shape this important development.

Subject to DfE approval, we look forward to welcoming our first cohort of two-year-olds in September and continuing to provide outstanding opportunities for the children and families within our community.

Yours faithfully,
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Chair of Trustees

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Expressions of interest and applications for the academic year 2026- 2027 are now open.

We are delighted to announce that expressions of interest and applications for places in our new Two-Year-Old Provision, hopefully opening in the academic year 2026 - 2027, are now open.

If you would like your child to benefit from our nurturing, play-based early years environment, we encourage you to register your interest as soon as possible.

To express an interest, apply or to find out more about eligibility, funded childcare entitlements and the admissions process, please contact the school office:

- **Email:** office@bowesprimary.org
- **Telephone:** 0208 368 2552

Our team will be happy to answer any questions you may have, discuss funding options, arrange a visit to see our exciting new provision, and introduce you to our experienced Early Years staff.

Places will be allocated in accordance with the school's admissions arrangements, and we encourage families to apply early to avoid disappointment.

We look forward to welcoming you and your child to Bowes Primary School and beginning what we hope will be a happy and successful educational journey together subject to DfE approval.

We will be unable to confirm whether this provision will open until we have final DfE Approval.

