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<u>Consultation on an Age Range Change for Windmill Hill Academy and the Incorporation of</u> Launceston Pre-School into An Daras Trust

The Board of Directors of An Daras Trust and the Launceston Pre-School Committee are consulting on a decision to apply to the Department for Education to extend the age range of Windmill Hill Academy to 2-11 by the formal incorporation of Launceston Pre -School based at St Thomas Hill into the Trust.

Under the proposed arrangement Launceston Pre-School would gain further support from the Trust in developing the effectiveness of its procedures for learning, staff training, safeguarding and governance. It would also be able to work closely and collaboratively with the five existing preschool settings within the Trust. Windmill Hill would benefit from the partnership as the majority of its early years pupils feed in from this Pre-School each year.

The consultation proposal is for Launceston Pre-School based at St Thomas Hill, Launceston to become a full partner setting within An Daras through its incorporation into Windmill Hill Academy, Launceston thereby changing the age range admissions for the school to 2-11. Launceston Pre-School will continue on its existing separate site at St Thomas Hill. This proposal has been communicated to stakeholders and the community through the Windmill Hill and Trust websites, circulated notices to parents, staff and representative union bodies and through letters to local organisations.

The An Daras consultation window for wider stakeholders on the proposed change starts on Monday 24th February 2020 and ends on Tuesday 24th March 2020. A consultation meeting is open for parents and community stakeholders on Monday 2nd March 2020 at Windmill Hill Academy starting at 4.00pm with a separate staff consultation meeting to then follow at 4.30pm.

If you wish to contribute your written views to the proposal please do so via email or letter. All correspondence should be addressed to the Central Trust administration team, at the above address or via email directly to admin@andaras.org

It is important that all members of the local community have the opportunity to give us their views, hence this formal consultation process. We look forward to hearing from you.

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