



Education Consultation

Brenzett C.E Primary School

Consultation dates: 12th September - 24th October 2025

Brenzett C.E Primary School, together with the Governing Body, is proposing to permanently change the age range of Brenzett C.E Primary School from 4-11 years to 2-11 years.

Dear Parents/Carers, Students, Staff, Governors, and Other Interested Parties

1. Introduction

Brenzett C.E Primary School, together with the Governing Body, is seeking the views of parents, staff and other stakeholders on a proposal to permanently change the age range of the school from 4-11 years to 2-11 years, to enable the school to offer a number of 2 and 3 year-old places from January 2026 at a new on-site Nursery.

The consultation opens today, Friday 12th September and will close on Friday 24th October 2025. At the end of this 6 week consultation period, the Governing Body will review the responses received and will decide whether to proceed to the next stage.

2. What change is being proposed?

Brenzett C.E Primary School currently offers an educational provision from 4 years of age. The proposal is to lower the age range in order to admit pupils from the age of 2 years old in order to meet the needs of our families who have younger children. Our surveys show that many families would prefer to have all of their children in one provision to reduce the amount of school drop-offs and collections and to ease the transition into Reception Class when that time comes. We would also like to provide a service to other local families in the area who are seeking a small, nurturing nursery provision.

We currently have an additional classroom, with shared access to the Early Years Playground, which we would relocate our Reception Class to in order to repurpose the current Reception Class into our on-site Nursery. Initially we would be able to offer 4 places to 2 year olds and 8 places to 3 year olds, giving us a maximum of 12 Nursery places. We will create a free-flowing space between the Nursery and Reception Class so that at certain times in the day, children in both classes can enjoy working with additional adults and will have access to additional resources. The Nursery will have the advantage of an experienced qualified teacher overseeing the provision.

The new nursery provision would operate under the school's Ofsted registration and provide places for two, three and four year olds. The exact date when the new provision will be available is yet to be decided and once the consultation period is complete we will be able to share more information with you around our proposed start date.

Please note that if this proposed change of age range to the school goes ahead, it will not affect the determined admission arrangements for entry into the Reception Year. Parents will still need to follow the school admissions process and apply for a place for their child in Reception, even if he/she attends the nursery.

3. How can I give my views on the proposals?

There are a number of ways to give us your views on this proposal:

- By emailing: office@brenzett.kent.sch.uk
- Handing your completed form into the office at Brenzett C.E Primary School.
- By posting the attached response form to Brenzett C.E Primary School, Straight Lane, Romney Marsh, TN29 9UA

All responses need to be received by midnight on Friday 24th October 2025.

4. I have a question – who can I ask?

If you have any questions, please contact the school on 01797-344335, or email: office@brenzett.kent.sch.uk

5. What happens next?

This consultation stage closes on 24th October 2025. A report summarising the responses received by the school will be shared with the Governing Body, Aquila Trust and the Local Authority. The Governing Body will consider the findings and then decide whether to proceed with the proposal.

6. The consultation process – indicative timeline

Date	Information
Friday 12th September – Friday 24th October 2025	6 Week consultation period
Monday 27 th October 2025	Following the consultation, all views received, will be reported to the Governing Body.
TBC 2025	Subject to consideration of any objections and ratification of the proposal by the Governing Body, the proposal is implemented.
During the 2025-26 academic year (earliest January 2026)	2 and 3 year-old places will be available for local families in a new on-site Nursery Facility.

Yours sincerely



Rowan Wright
Headteacher



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Response Form

Please complete a response form **no later than midday on Friday 24th October 2025**. You can then:

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- Email is to: office@brenzett.kent.sch.uk
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Do you agree with the proposal to lower the age range at Brenzett C.E School from 4-11 years to 2-11 years?

Yes

No

Undecided

Which of the following best describes you?

Parent/Carer of a pupil

Member of staff

Governor

Other (please state).....

Comments:

Please continue your comment overleaf if necessary

Comments continued: