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Proposed Creation of a Nursery Provision at Ormiston Cliff Park Primary Academy

Dear Parents and Carers,

I am writing to let you know that I am very keen to develop a teacher-led, school-based nursery for children aged three and above here at the Academy. Subject to the relevant permissions being granted and work being completed, we hope to be able offer this provision with effect from September 2024. You may be aware that families are entitled to at least fifteen hours of childcare for up to 38 weeks per year, upon their child turning three with effect from April 2024. Working families may be eligible for up to thirty hours of funded childcare (please see the Government website for details).

I believe this will provide a vital resource for our school community. Research evidence demonstrates that children who are able to access nursery provision get many benefits from attending. These include social benefits such as building friendships, learning to share, taking turns and learning to learn and play alongside others.

As well as social opportunities, nursery provides young children with opportunities to develop their communication skills such as speaking and listening and to develop their independence and confidence. Being part of a school-based nursery also enables children to develop a sense of routine and structure whilst learning a wide range of new skills. Pupils who attend nursery settings also have the opportunity to develop greater levels of independence before they start school. These factors combine to support children to be 'School Ready' and to ease their transition into Reception.

Many of the benefits above help to build the foundations of children's futures and to form the start of them becoming life-long learners whilst also enabling essential partnerships between home and school to develop at an early stage.

We will shortly be launching a formal consultation about our proposal to open a Nursery within the Academy. In order to ensure that our formal consultation best meets the needs of our school community, we have prepared a brief initial survey, aimed at shaping the most appropriate provision.

If you have a child who will be 3 years old between 1st September 2024 and 1st July 2025, please complete the survey to let us know what type of provision you might be interested in. We will then use this information to inform the detail of our formal consultation.

Please access the Survey using this link: <https://forms.office.com/e/wuY3LCifhj>

Or access via the QR code:



Thank you for taking the time to complete this survey. We would be grateful to receive your response by Thursday 18th of January.

This is a very exciting venture for Ormiston Cliff Park Primary Academy, and I look forward to working closely with you over the coming months as this project develops.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs. Louise Watkins

Principal