

New Nursery Provision

1st March 2021

Dear parents and carers,

As many of you will be aware, the development of Nursery provision has been a priority for our school for a long time now. Over the last couple of years there has been a formal consultation process and with the support of The Shaw Education Trust, we have been actively exploring various options. This has taken a much longer period of time than we originally envisaged, not only due to the Covid-19 pandemic, but also the necessity to seek permission from the Secretary of State.

As the school's location prevents further extension, the provision will be in a new purpose built, self-contained unit at Madeley School. The building will boast blended classrooms, an outdoor learning environment, a play area, family-style dining and state-of-the-art Apple technology.

The nursery will operate for 50 weeks per year, rather than being restricted to term time only. We are also able to offer extended provision from 7.30am to 5.45pm, as well as holiday provision. This is in response to the known demand of families. Parents will be able to claim their fully funded hours, with the option of extended hours and wrap-around care at a very competitive rate.

After a great deal of thought and consideration, we are proposing that our new provision will cater for two-to-five-year-olds, meaning we will also accommodate the Meadows' Reception class in our new Early Years setting. This planned change would be from September 2021, although should the building be ready sooner, we would be able to consider an earlier move.

We are committed to involving our community in our decision-making and therefore are consulting with you as part of this process. We very much welcome your thoughts and we appreciate this is a considerable change to our current provision here at The Meadows.

Why are we proposing this change?

- Our new purpose built building will contain two very large classrooms. It will be a well-designed Early Years unit to provide an enabling environment with purposefully selected furniture and storage allowing for children to choose resources with independence, space for collaborative working and natural light.

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- A new well-designed outdoor area to facilitate explorative play, large scale activities and room for wheeled toys, free parts such as tyres, planks etc as well as sensorial learning in nature.
- A welcoming space for social events such as parent/carer and children's lunches, workshops open days etc. More space for push chairs, outdoor clothes etc.
- Lunches will be served within the same area by the same adults via family service, providing opportunities for social skills, such as chatting with adults and peers, using cutlery and good table manners.
- Kitchen facilities will make it easier to provide baking, cooking and tasting activities on a more regular basis.
- The large dimensions of the unit will provide space for indoor and outdoor PE.
- There will be updated apple technology for children to use in all areas of learning.

All of the above will provide a more holistic experience of Early Years development.

We are aware that whilst our current facility provides outstanding provision, achieving excellent personal and academic outcomes, there are limitations due to the building layout. Despite our very best endeavours and creativity, these do remain. Our new purposeful designed classrooms will provide space and thus present so many opportunities, that we are unable to do currently. Of course, we also are cognisant that it will raise some additional logistical challenges both for us as staff and also for parents. The provision will still be named The Meadows and will in every sense remain at the very heart of our school family.

Some frequently asked questions to provide reassurance.

1. Who will staff the new unit?

Mrs Davies will remain the teacher of our Reception class. Ms Bill will also join the staffing team, alongside numerous new appointments.

2. Will the children wear the same uniform as they do now?

Yes, the Reception uniform will not change at all. The younger children in the Nursey provision, will wear a slight variation due to their age. This will be a school jumper with leggings, joggers, skirts etc.

3. How will you support parents who have children in Reception and other classes with drop off times?

The start and end of the day times will be set to ensure parents who are dropping siblings off at both sites, can do so with flexibility. There will dedicated drop off car park spaces for those parents requiring them.

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4. How will the Reception class be involved with the rest of the school?

Children will join in assemblies through virtual means initially and then as the year progresses, will make frequent visits to the current school. The children will be well prepared for a smooth transition to Year one through planned visits, team teaching and other events in the summer term.

5. How will you ensure the quality of provision remains consistent with the rest of the school's high standards?

Senior leaders and colleagues from our Trust, will be frequent visitors to the new provision and undertake rigorous quality assurance processes. As headteacher, I will spend time across both sites to ensure consistency and ensure that all children in our school family are personally known to me.

6. How will I get updates on how the planning and building is taking shape?'

As well as sharing all updates and information in our school newsletters, we shall also create a dedicated page on our school website. We will also make use of our well established school Twitter page.

The Meadows is expanding and although this is across two sites, our school will continue to be united as one school family.

We do invite you to share your thoughts and questions regarding this proposal using this email address: office@meadowsprimary.shaw-education.org.uk.

This consultation will close on 26th March 2021. We will then report back to you on any common questions or concerns and will take these into consideration before as a school and a Trust, we make any final decision.

I am sure you will agree these really are very exciting times and is a much needed investment to enable us to provide high-quality, all-through provision in the Madeley community.

Yours sincerely,

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