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Dear Parent/Carer

Re: Nursery Education at North – Changes from September

Thank you to everyone who responded to the survey we sent out in April to assess parental demand for nursery education at North Primary School and Nursery. I am pleased to write with a summary of the responses and information about our plans for nursery provision.

- The responses from 48 parents of children who are either currently at North or due to start school or nursery in Reception have given us a good picture of uptake of nursery provision, how the sessions meet the needs of parents and the anticipated demand for future places.
- Around half the children who come to school at North have previously attended our nursery.
- Around a third of parents indicated that our sessions met all of their childcare needs. However, for two thirds of parents there are additional childcare needs which are currently met in a number of ways including childminders, private nurseries and informal childcare (family/friends). There is an equal split as whether parents would be interested in paying for extra sessions.
- Approximately half of parents have indicated that they will be eligible for 30 hours of provision in future, of which 60% would be interested in taking additional morning or afternoon sessions to make up their hours across the whole school day.

The introduction of free nursery entitlement to 30 hours and growing demand for places gives us an exciting challenge to ensure that as many children in our community as possible are able to secure and use their free entitlement for good quality nursery education to start their school lives and formal education.

The nursery education at North is led by qualified teachers and early years support staff. The quality of provision was recognised during the last Ofsted inspection when inspectors



commented that *“Teaching in the Nursery and Reception is consistently good and outstanding at times. Teachers pitch a wide range of interesting activities at the right level for the children, then carefully guide them to those most suited to the next steps in their learning. They combine skilfully engaging in the activities with the children with standing back to let them think.”* This means that *“Children make good progress in the Nursery and Reception classes in all areas of their learning. They collaborate well and quickly become able to plan their own lines of enquiry within the activities provided in stimulating and well-resourced classrooms and outside areas. They make a good start in developing key skills of literacy and numeracy.”*

From September our morning nursery sessions will run from 8.30 to 11.30am and afternoon sessions will be from 12.30 to 3.30pm so that all children attending can receive their full 15 hour entitlement. We will then be looking to extend sessions for parents who are eligible for 30 hours of provision as soon as possible.

All families who are looking at nursery education are invited to our Nursery Open Afternoon on Wednesday 21st June from 1.30 to 3.00pm. Please feel free to pass on this information to friends or anyone else who is interested.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Alan Garnett', written in a cursive style.

Alan Garnett
Headteacher