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Somerford Primary School

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Date: 13 June 2018

Dear Parent/Carer,

I am writing to you on the behalf of the Local Authority to update you on the proposal to close the Gosling's Nursery at Somerford Primary School.

After the close of the previous consultation, the proposal, along with the responses to the consultation, were presented to the Dorset County Council Cabinet and it was agreed that Gosling's should close. I appreciate that this will be a disappointment to many of you but clearly the provision has been shown to be unsustainable going forward.

DCC has been advised by the Office of the Schools Adjudicator that a further notice needs to be published in the local press before the Local Authority can take the final step to close. This defines the actual closure date and confirms that the action is being taken by the Local Authority as they are the responsible body.

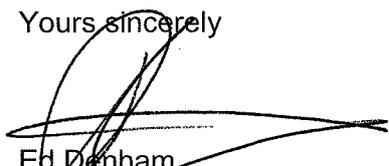
The notice will be published in the week of the 11 June, and it will confirm the intended closing date for the nursery of the 31st August 2018. The notice will invite any further comments but I wish to assure you that any responses that have been previously received will be collated along with any new responses before closure is confirmed. This statutory notice period runs until the 11 July 2018.

We apologise that the Local Authority has had to take this extra step and thus means that you will not be informed of the final confirmation to close until the middle of July.

On the back of this letter is the notice that will be published in the Dorset Echo.

Again I apologise on behalf of the LA for this delay in giving families clarity on the future of the Gosling's Nursery.

Yours sincerely



Ed Denham
School Place Sufficiency Manager

Closure of the Maintained Nursery Provision at Somerford Primary School

By Virtue of Schedule 3 of the School Organisation (Prescribed Alterations to Maintained Schools) (England) Regulations 2013, Dorset County Council is required to consult on changes to provision at Maintained Schools including alteration of upper or lower age range by 1 year or more (including the removal of nursery provision).

Following extensive consultation with schools and community notice is hereby given for the following changes:

1. Somerford Primary Nursery Provision will close from the 31 August 2018
2. Somerford Primary School will change its age range from age 2 -11 to a 4 -11 provision from the 1 September 2018

A copy of the proposals are available at <https://www.dorsetforyou.gov.uk/education-and-training/schools-and-learning/schools-and-learning.aspx#/> or can be requested through the email - schoolorganisation@dorsetcc.gov.uk or by writing to the address below.

Any person may submit their comments, both positive and negative, to Ed Denham, School Organisation, Dorset County Council, County Hall, Dorchester DT11XJ or through email schoolorganisation@dorsetcc.gov.uk within 4 weeks of the publication of this notice.

Signed: Nick Jarman, Director of Children's Services, Dorset County Council.

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