



Somerford Primary School

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16th January 2018

Dear Stakeholder

We write on behalf of the Governing Body of Somerford Primary School to inform you of its proposal to close the maintained nursery provision known as Goslings.

The nursery was not full in the academic year of 2016-17 and was operating at a loss which the school had to top up. In the academic year 2017-18, the numbers of children attending the nursery has reduced further and it is now costing approximately £10,000 a term from the school's budget intended for school aged children to keep the nursery open.

The Governors believe this is an impossible amount of money for the school to subsidise, particularly in a climate of reduced school budgets and increased expectations.

Procedure for responses: support, objections and comments

The formal proposal document can be found at www.somerford.dorset.sch.uk

If you wish to make any comments please do so in writing by sending them to office@somerford.dorset.sch.uk or by post to the address at the top of this letter before the end of the consultation period which is midday on 19th February 2018. Please mark your comments for the attention of the Governing Body.

We are keen to hear from all consultees about this proposal.

To keep you informed the proposed timeline is as follows:

20/9/17 Full Governing Body Meeting – unanimous decision to seek to close the nursery

10/11/17 Meeting between Governors and DCC to explore options

30/11/17 Pre consultation period commenced – letters sent to stakeholders

7/12/17 Stakeholders invited to pre consultation meeting – 6 parents and 2 local nurseries attended

11/1/18 End of pre consultation period

16/1/18 Formal consultation period commenced

20/2/18 Formal consultation period ends

20/2/18 Governing Body meet to consider responses and how to proceed.

We appreciate your time in this matter. If you have any questions do not hesitate to contact the Governing Body or Mrs Frampton on 01202 485436 or via office@somerford.dorset.sch.uk

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Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'JA' followed by a long horizontal stroke.

John Stevens

Chair of Governing Body

Helen Frampton

Head of School

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