

Headteacher Mr M Cunniffe

Monday 4th November 2024

Dear Parents, Carers and Colleagues

Northbrook Primary Academy Proposes to Launch New Nursery Provision

As you may be aware, over Summer 2024 we made a significant investment into the development of our Early Years area in school which means that children joining our school in reception have access to exceptional facilities. I am delighted to be writing to you now to set out Northbrook Primary Academy's proposal to open a Nursery provision within our school, which represents our next significant investment to ensure that children within our community have access to the highest quality early years provision.

Our proposal supports the Government's ambition to expand school-based nursery provision across England. We are excited by the opportunity to open a nursery provision within Northbrook because:

- We recognise the increase in demand for childcare provision following the expansion of government funded childcare. We are committed to supporting our local community by ensuring that there is sufficient capacity to ensure that children can access this provision within a local setting.
- Whilst many school-based nurseries are only able to offer provision during their school day and during term time, we are proposing that our nursery will offer provision for children from 7.30am until 6.00pm for up to 51 weeks per year. This provides significant flexibility to parents, which we know is increasingly important.
- The nursery at Northbrook Primary Academy will be teacher led with leadership responsibility and oversight from the school's Early Years Lead and an Assistant Headteacher who are both experts in Early Years provision and will ensure that children benefit from the highest quality of provision.
- Evidence from the other primary school within Endeavour Learning Trust demonstrates the positive impact on children attending their school-based nursery provision compared to the cohort of pupils joining reception who have attended other settings. We know that offering a nursery provision will significantly support transition for those children who go on to attend Northbrook Primary Academy in reception.


Register your Interest

At Northbrook, our children's happiness, well-being and achievements are at the HEART of everything we do. We provide a safe and supportive learning environment and pride ourselves on our warm, nurturing and family-orientated atmosphere.



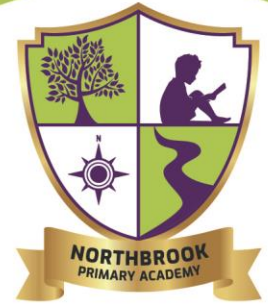
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We recognise that every child is unique and all our staff strive to ensure that every child is given the opportunity to work to the best of their ability. We endeavour to develop the whole child and prepare each one academically, emotionally and socially to live and succeed in an ever-changing world. We provide our children with a wide range of experiences to ensure every child can develop a love of learning, enjoy being in school and have a chance to shine. We aspire to ensure that our children leave us with the best possible foundations upon which they can build throughout their lives. We are incredibly proud of our children and want our children to feel proud of themselves.

This is an exciting time for Northbrook Primary Academy, and we are determined to ensure that our provision is designed to meet the needs of our local community. With that in mind, we would like to invite anybody who may be interested in their children attending nursery provision from September 2025 to complete the following form:

<https://forms.office.com/e/e53hHvhYrY>

Registering your interest will allow us to get a better understanding of how parents would like/need this provision to be delivered so we can tailor our offer to the needs of our community. Please note that the form is to express your interest only and there will be no commitment from you to take up a place in the Nursery at this time. If you have any difficulty in completing this form online, please feel free to visit our school office where one of our colleagues will be happy to support.

Please ensure you return your registration of interest form by 5.00pm on Friday 29th November 2024.

Consultation

Northbrook Primary Academy will be making an application to the Department for Education to open a nursery provision, expanding the age range of the school to enable us to offer places in the nursery to children from either age 3, or age 2, depending on the levels of demand which we will assess through the registration of interest form. This proposal is subject to formal consultation with all stakeholders, and the outcomes of the consultation will be considered by Endeavour Learning Trust and the Department for Education before any final decisions are made.

As set out, the key elements of our proposal are to:


- Open a new nursery provision from September 2025
- Extend the age range of the school (which is currently from ages 4 to 11) to be either ages 3 to 11 or 2 to 11, depending on the levels of demand reflected in our registration of interest, from September 2025.

Stakeholders who do not wish to register their interest in attending the nursery, but would otherwise like to respond to the consultation are invited to submit their response to enquiries@endeavourlearning.org by 5.00pm on Friday 29th November 2024.



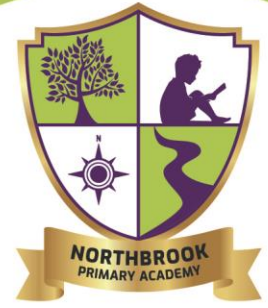
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Frequently Asked Questions

1) *When can I apply for a place for my child in the new nursery?*

You can register your interest straight away using the following form: <https://forms.office.com/e/e53hHvhYrY>. We are asking for this to be **completed by 5.00pm on Friday 29th November 2024** so that we can ensure our provision is tailored to your needs.

However, our proposal is subject to consultation and approval from the Department for Education. We will submit our proposal to the Department for Education by 12th December 2024. As soon as we have a decision we will communicate with all parents who have registered their interest to set out the next steps. Our proposal is that the nursery will open from September 2025.

2) *Will there be any impact on the building if the school proceeds to open a new nursery?*

Opening a nursery provision will provide us with further opportunities to develop the fantastic facilities within our school, and particularly within our Early Years area which will also provide significant benefits to our Reception children. This will involve investment in additional resources, refurbishment of our Early Years area including the toilets, and further investment in our outdoor area.

The proposal is designed to make use of surplus space within the school building next to the current Early Years area which is not currently used by pupils.

3) *Will opening a nursery change the admissions arrangements into the main school, or reduce the capacity of the main school?*

No. The school will continue to offer the same number of places from Reception to Year 6 as currently, with 30 places offered in each Reception cohort.

Please feel free to contact us at school on 01772 421599 or by email on enquiries@northbrookpa.org if you have any questions about our proposal. We look forward to sharing more details about this exciting development with you soon.

Yours faithfully

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Chief Executive of Endeavour Learning Trust



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