

Date: 22<sup>nd</sup> February 2021

To Parents, Carers, Staff and Other Stakeholders,  
St Benedict's Primary School

Dear Parents, Carers, Staff and Other Stakeholders

I am writing to inform you of the proposals that Birmingham City Council are planning on publishing following a request from the Governing Body of St Benedict's Primary School

As you are aware the school currently operates a 26 full time equivalent nursery class which can offer 52 part time places for 3 and 4 year olds.

The number of pupils attending the nursery at the school has been lower in recent years. This is due to both the falling birth rate and there being a large supply of early education provision in the local area. The nursery has been operating at approximately 50% or less capacity in recent terms. This has financial implications as the cost of providing the nursery is more than the amount of money received. Nurseries operating with a large number of unfilled places can be a risk to the financial viability and sustainability of the nursery which can impact the budget of the school.

The school has been collaborating with Birmingham City Council and has agreed to consult on the closure of the nursery with effect from 31<sup>st</sup> August 2021

Birmingham City Council will be consulting on proposals to remove the nursery provision. We will write to you again at the start of next term, after the Easter break with details of the formal consultation (also known as the representation period).

The formal consultation will run for four weeks. It is during this time that you will have the opportunity to formally let us know what you think about the proposed changes to the School. At the start of this formal consultation we will be providing a final proposal document on a BeHeard consultation website which will have full details of the planned changes and information on how you can participate in the consultation and make your views known.

If you have any immediate comments or concerns please contact the school or email Birmingham City Council School Organisation Team, **Friday 19<sup>th</sup> March 2021** via:  
[edsj.enquiries@birmingham.gov.uk](mailto:edsj.enquiries@birmingham.gov.uk) and include St Benedict's in the subject.

Yours sincerely,

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