

Date 10<sup>th</sup> February 2020 To Parents, Carers, Staff and Other Stakeholders, Grendon Primary School

Dear Parents, Carers, Staff and Other Stakeholders

I am writing to inform you of the proposals that Birmingham City Council are planning to publish regarding Grendon Primary School, namely;

• Change to the Lower age range from 3 – 11 to 4 – 11 years to remove the nursery provision

The school has a nursery class that can admit up to 26/52 full/part time places for 3 and 4 year olds. As you may be aware the school has not admitted pupils into the nursery class for the last 2 years, this was a temporary closure with the agreement of the Local Authority.

The temporary closure was necessary as the number of pupils attending the nursery at the school had been lower in recent years, due to there being a large supply of nursery provision in the local area. The nursery had been operating at approximately 48% capacity before the temporary closure in September 2018. Nurseries operating below capacity can have financial implications as the cost of providing the nursery is more than the amount of money received and can be at 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 a decision has been made to consult on the permanent closure of the nursery with effect from 1<sup>st</sup> September 2020.

Birmingham City Council will be consulting on proposals to remove the nursery provision. We will write to you again after half term 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 let us know what you think about the proposed changes to Grendon Primary School in writing. At the start of this formal consultation we will be providing a final proposal document with full details of the planned changes and with all the information on how you can participate in the consultation and make your views known.

If you have any immediate comments or concerns please contact email Birmingham City Council Estates Management Team, before 28<sup>th</sup> February 2020 via: <u>edsi.enquiries@birmingham.gov.uk</u> and include Grendon in the subject.

Yours sincerely,

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