



30th January 2023

Dear Stakeholder

The Circle Trust are consulting about the proposal that Emmbrook Infant School establishes and thereafter runs its own school nursery, and we are keen to know your views.

To help make the proposal clear we have set out some common questions and answers:

Would my child have to attend Emmbrook Infants Nursery?

No! It is always a parental choice to send their child to a nursery. Families can choose the specific nursery.

Would this nursery be term time only?

Yes, the nursery would follow the Wokingham Local Authority school holiday pattern.

What age range will this nursery provide for?

This proposed nursery will accommodate children from age three. We are committed to offering a vibrant, happy and safe nursery that prepares children well for their formal start in school.

Just because my child attends this proposed nursery will that mean they will automatically progress to Emmbrook Infant School?

Yes and No! No, there is not a requirement to progress into the school but it is very likely. As with all schools, and in accordance with the Department for Education's School Admissions Code, parents have to apply for a place for reception as with any school via Wokingham Local Authority.

Would the proposed new nursery at Emmbrook Infants open in September 2023?

Maybe. That is our firm ambition and hope but it is important that we listen to views from this consultation.

Would Emmbrook Infant School running a nursery change the experience of my child already at the school?

No. As now both the Trust, Headteacher and staff and will continue to work in close harmony with nurseries as this helps and supports the important transition to starting school. Emmbrook Infant School is judged to be outstanding by OFSTED and the team are keen to cascade this expertise and experience to more children.

What times would the proposed new nursery run?

8.30am – 4pm during term time.

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Would there be limited numbers in the proposed new nursery?

The number attending the nursery would be limited by the physical space available to the school. It is our expectation that the nursery could cater for 30 places for children in a day, for morning and afternoon sessions. Again, part of the purpose of this consultation is to understand from the local community and parents if this is a provision which is wanted or not.

What would happen to the nursery fees paid by parents for places?

All monies generated by the nursery would be retained by the school and used for the benefit of all children.

I am a future parent of Emmbrook Infants. What does this mean for me?

We know that the process of choosing places for your child's education is very important. The proposed new nursery would be an opportunity for parents to consider for their child.

Why is The Circle Trust hosting this consultation?

Emmbrook Infant and Emmbrook Junior Schools have resolved to join The Circle Trust and have been awarded the academy orders to do so. This means that both schools will legally become part of this Trust. Trusts are educational charities, existing to do one thing, which is to improve education for the public benefit. The Circle Trust is a local Wokingham trust which includes in its family of schools The Emmbrook Secondary School, St Crispin's Secondary School, Nine Mile Ride Primary School, Wescott Infant School, Westende Junior School and Shinfield Infant and Nursery School.

Finally, why do Emmbrook Infants want to open a new nursery?

In answer to the question, primarily because parents have asked! As a school, Emmbrook Infants are always driven to improve educational outcomes. Parents have shared with us that they would enjoy the convenience of working with a single entity. Ultimately though because it is good for children to feel comfortable, secure and excited about their learning journey.

We would like to know your views. This consultation runs from 30th January 2023 to 6th March 2023. Please share your views via this email address consultation@thecircletrust.co.uk by 9am on 6th March 2023.

On behalf of The Circle Trust,

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