

## **Open Drop in Event – Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> December 2024 (4.30pm to 5.30pm)**

### **Part of Consultation Period for Pre-School to be opened on the site of Locks Heath Infant School from September 2025 onwards.**

**Part 1: Questions, and subsequent answers, that were asked of the Project Management Team were as follows;**

1. How many children will you be taking?

Answer = The new provision will be able to take a minimum of 21 and a maximum of 40.

2. Will you be recruiting more staff?

Answer = Any roles required for this position will be advertised. Yes we will be recruiting.

3. Are you going to be term time only?

Answer = Yes initially but the team will be looking at holiday provision moving forward.

4. Will you provide holiday and after school care?

Answer = The team are considering how this might work this moving forward.

5. Will you provide lunches?

Answer = Initially, and due to the current situation with regards Hampshire Catering ceasing to exist from March 2026, we will be asking parents and carers to provide a packed lunch for those children staying all day.

6. Which session will be available?

Answer = Mornings, Afternoons or All Day session.

7. Will there be a teacher in charge?

Answer = There will be a nursery manager in charge of the day to day running of the provision and this person will be overseen by the school's Early Years Leader.

8. Would the nursery children be able to access the school facilities?

Answer = Yes, the Infant School is blessed with such rich facilities and these would all be on offer to the nursery team as part of a unique and purposeful curriculum offer.

### **Part 2: Comments made by attendees at the event.**

1. "This is much needed in our area as we are already full this year and also next academic year" (Business manager at local pre-school)

2. "Very good for children for pre-school as children know the school already" (Parent)

3. "Logistically, this will be easier for parents who have children at Locks Heath Infant School already" (Parent)

4. "It would be good to be open longer hours – ie 15 minutes either way" (Parent)

5. "It will appeal to more people" (Parent)