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Dear Parents

I am delighted to let you know that following the success of our grant application, the Governing Body of Wellow School has agreed to open a pre-school on the Wellow School site which will provide a wonderful opportunity to bring under one roof, the care and knowledge of children in the area from 2 years old right through to 11 years old.

Getting to know both you and your child from an early starting point means that, over time, we can build a community that is uniquely available to the people of Wellow and the surrounding areas ensuring that your children have the very best start to their education and life journey.

Wellow Preschool will be a teacher led setting with a fully trained, qualified and experienced, early Years Teacher leading the unit with other NVQ qualified staff. This will enable us to provide high adult:child ratios in order to ensure the best care and close supervision for your child.

Preschool children will have all the benefits of school resources (hall space, library, music area, large field and extensive grounds) in the familiar comfort of a cosy dedicated pre-school space. Combined with the school's infrastructure, expertise in teaching and learning and strong leadership and governance, our onsite pre-school will provide high quality provision, with a seamless transition to school. Preschool children will benefit from close liaison between the staff of the two settings, a cohesive sharp focus on outcomes for all children and a consistent and professional staffing structure.

The pre-school will formally open on **Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> September 2018**.

Attached to this email you will also find an application form. To formally enrol your child at Wellow Preschool you should complete this application form and return it to school, together with a £100 deposit (refundable in first month's invoice). There are only 20 places available per session and there has been a great deal of interest from families, so I would urge you to register as soon as possible in order to secure your place. Details of fees, funding and our terms and conditions are also attached

Please do contact us via email at [preschool@wellow.hants.sch.uk](mailto:preschool@wellow.hants.sch.uk) with any questions you may have and we will endeavour to answer them.

Yours Sincerely,

Bethan Larcombe  
Head of School

*The availability of an on-site pre-school does not change the way children apply and are admitted to the main school. Children will be equally prepared to move and attend any primary school. Even with the pre-school as part of the school all parents must make an application for their child to be offered a place in the Reception classes, i.e. they will not automatically progress from the pre-school to the Reception class. Applications will be handled using the County Council's school admissions policy which gives priority to children living in the catchment area.*