

## SCHOOL BASED NURSERY PROPOSAL FAQ'S

#	QUESTIONS	ANSWERS
1	Will a new provision have an impact on other providers in the local area?	<p>There has been a consultation process to gain the views of stakeholders which includes parents and local providers. Together with the Local Authority we look at place planning, sufficiency and whether there is a need for additional provision (now and in the future). We're unable to make an application without the consent of the Local Authority. The DfE will also contact the London Borough of Bromley as part of the evaluation of the funding applications.</p> <p>We will also consider parents views and the needs of the families that come to the school when presenting our proposal. Our goal is to work alongside existing providers within the community as we work together to expand high quality early years education in line with the government vision.</p>
2	What will be the impact of the nursery on space within schools?	<p>We will always consider the use of space carefully in school and Head Teachers have taken time to consider how the expansion/introduction of a nursery can take place without any significant impact on children already at the school.</p> <p>Clubs will continue to run as will the breakfast and after school club. Space for these clubs will need to be reviewed in light of the new government initiative to introduce free breakfast clubs for primary children.</p>
3	What will the hours of operation be?	Nurseries will offer 15 and 30 hour provision to provide parents with flexibility and in addition to this all nurseries will offer wrap around care for the extended school day both before and after school hours.
4	Have you considered the increase in traffic and lack of parking outside schools?	<p>Parking is a huge issue in all schools and we continue to encourage walking to school.</p> <p>In our experience, the majority of people attending the nursery are the same as those attending the school and the impact on traffic and parking is therefore expected to be minimal.</p>
5	What will be the fees for nursery/pre-school and will they be increased or remain the same?	All Trust nurseries and pre-schools will take childcare vouchers for both 15 and 30 funded hours and therefore parents will be able to use these to obtain their free childcare hours. Any additional wrap around care will be charged at a standard rate with a variety of options to suit parent's needs. Fees will continue to be reviewed on a periodic basis.
6	Is there any concern about the regular funding impact, as a number of existing nurseries and early years child care settings are closing because government funding does not cover costs?	<p>The Trust currently runs several nurseries which have proven to be financially viable.</p> <p>Our existing nurseries have proven to be popular, and demand exceeds available places.</p> <p>We operate on a 1:8 ratio for 3–4-year-olds and a 1:5 ratio for 2-year-olds in line with early years requirements. We will open our nurseries on a phased basis to ensure that we have enough children to meet these ratios.</p> <p>We are confident that if we continue to operate in this way, our nurseries will be financially sustainable.</p>
7	Will children who have siblings attending the Primary School, be given priority at the nurse	Within our current Nursery Admission Policies there is reference to priority which includes siblings.

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8	Will places for children who require full time care be given priority over places for children requiring part time care?	Preference in our nurseries will be given to children who would like full time places, but when these have been accommodated, we would accept any combinations of half days, individual days etc.
9	Will the curriculum be play based?	<p>Our nursery schools have well embedded, progressive, well sequenced curriculums that follow the ambition of the early years framework and there are clear end points for each age group. The curriculum is play based and supports the development of curiosity, exploration and creativity. The curriculum is enhanced to reflect community context, including trips and visits to ensure a coherent and well- rounded offer.</p> <p>As a Trust we have been investing in and promoting the importance of high-quality early years education for a number of years, and we have significant expertise in this area. Members of the Executive Team have set up and run nurseries before, so knowledge is significant at all levels across the Trust, ensuring that high quality provision can be set up and sustained. 4 out of 10 schools within the Mosaic Schools Learning Trust currently run nurseries and they are all “Good” or “Outstanding” in terms of Ofsted judgements.</p>
10	Are we illegible to apply as out -of- borough residents?	Any parent can apply for their child to go to nursery in whichever authority they choose. Nursery places get offered on a set criterion as detailed in the nursery admissions policy and preference is not based on address.
11	What level of Expertise for SEND will be in place?	We encourage children with SEND into our nurseries. Within the schools and across the Trust, we have significant expertise in SEND and have a Trust Strategic SEND Lead that supports work in this area. Attendance at a School Based Nursery enables early identification of additional needs. We are therefore able to get the right support for children at the earliest opportunity.
12	Will the nursery children have access to outside space?	The nurseries will have access to outside space. We follow the Early Years Foundation Stage Framework which outlines indoor space requirements and highlights the significance of outdoor learning and play as providing a rich and dynamic environment for children’s development.
13	Would the adult:child ratio be kept at the current level?	We currently operate a 1:8 ratio for 3-4 year olds and a 1:5 ratio for 2 year olds. This is in line with Early Years requirements and we will continue to adhere to these ratios.
14	Will the setting be able to recruit suitably qualified and sufficient staff numbers?	The Trust will look to recruit staff at a Trust level at the earliest point possible which mimimises financial risk to individual schools. The Trust operates a staff development programme which highlights members of staff with the right qualifications that might want to work in other areas including nurseries. We do not anticipate that we will encounter problems recruiting additional staff on the basis that we are able to offer extensive staff training and career development opportunities. We will always work within the Early Years guidelines.