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To: All Shavington Primary School Parents  
From: Julian Goodier-Page, Chair of the Trustee Board  
Date: 22<sup>nd</sup> June 2017  
Subject: **Two year old Pre-School Provision at Shavington Primary**

We recently entered into a public consultation prior to considering raising our age range from 2 – 11 year olds to 3 – 11 year olds. Eleven responses were received and the Director's Board of The Learning for Life Partnership Ltd – the Multi Academy Trust that operates Shavington Primary – last week made a unanimous decision to apply to the Regional Schools Commissioner for permission to increase the age range of the school and to close the two year old Pre-School facility.

We are grateful for the responses received and understand that closure of the facility will be a disappointment to some people. I want to reassure you that we do firmly believe the school exists to serve the interests of children and parents in the surrounding community and we have considered responders points at some length. However, due to the low overall number and daily changing profile of bookings, and the need to have suitable staff on hand 'just in case', we are currently making a fairly substantial five figure annual loss on this part of our overall provision. As we are not allowed to use public funds to prop up unprofitable activity I'm afraid our decision to apply for the closure is, however regrettable, somewhat inevitable. Thank you for the constructive responses we received and my apologies for the inconvenience that closure will cause for some families.

Whilst writing to you I thought I'd take the opportunity to update you on a number of other matters. Both schools currently in the partnership – Shavington and Wheelock – are doing well both financially and academically and we're still hopeful of taking new schools into the Trust. There are a number of exciting opportunities on the drawing board but it seems the wheels of bureaucracy and decision making outside of our control grind frustratingly slowly. I hope to have news for you soon as Trust growth is good for all stakeholders by improving financial stability, pupil opportunity and staff career progression.

Our Key Stage Two rebuilding project is now at the Local Authority planning department stage. Again, we're looking forward to getting started and being in a position to answer all the questions I'm sure you have. Here at Shavington we've proved that growth brings change and that change is good but I know this major redevelopment will bring disruption and not be without snags and problems along the way. If you feel you're being unduly affected do please come in and talk to us to see if anything can be done.

Please continue to watch out for the weekly email newsletter for more updates on these and other topics!

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