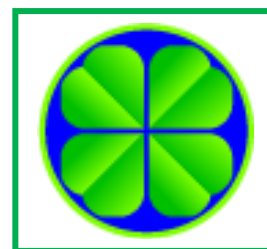




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13 April 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

I am writing further to the recent consultation regarding the proposal to establish a **Foundation Stage Unit**.

Firstly, I would like to thank all those parents and carers, pupils and members of the community who took the time to engage with the consultation. The feedback we received was **overwhelmingly positive**, with strong support for the vision of a school-based nursery and the benefits this could bring for the wider community.

Unfortunately, despite the strength of the consultation response, I must inform you that we have **not been successful in securing the necessary capital funding** through the **Department for Education's School-Based Nursery Grant**. This funding was essential to enable the required building adaptations and facilities needed to safely and effectively accommodate a Foundation Stage Unit on site.

This funding round was **highly competitive**, and only **two schools in Norfolk** were successful in securing funding. As a result, we are unable to proceed with the establishment of the Foundation Stage Unit at this current time.

### What this means for September 2026

In light of this outcome, the school will continue to operate with a **similar structure to the current arrangements** from **September 2026**. This means that:

- Reception children will continue to be taught within a **mixed-age class alongside Year 1 and Year 2 pupils**
- There will be **no change to admissions arrangements** for the school for September 2026
- Our commitment to providing a caring, high-quality and inclusive learning environment for all children remains unchanged

While this will be disappointing news for many, please be reassured that the school remains dedicated to supporting our youngest pupils and ensuring a strong start to their education.

We will continue to monitor future funding opportunities and, should circumstances change, we would of course review the feasibility of developing early years provision at the school again in the future.

Thank you once again for your engagement, support and understanding. Should you have any questions regarding this decision, please do not hesitate to contact the school.

Yours sincerely,

Matt Walker

Executive Headteacher