

Proposal from Edward Feild Nursery School to close on 31st December 2013 and transfer services and pupils to Robin Pre-school.

What is the proposal?

The Governing Body and Headteacher are proposing that Edward Feild Nursery School in Kidlington will close.

After the closure it is proposed that the school's on-site partner Robin Playgroup (to be known as Robin Pre-school) would expand to accommodate the nursery-aged children. The number of funded and wraparound childcare places available for two and three year olds based at Edward Feild Primary School would remain the same.

If the proposal goes ahead there would be no effect on admissions to primary school; children would still need to apply for a place in the the primary school's Reception (F1) year as they do now.

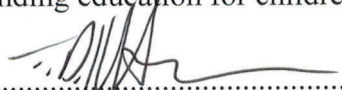
Why is this being proposed?


The change in national funding for early education means that the nursery school is no longer viable as a separate school, and the primary school (with which it shares a governing body and headteacher) is not in a position to subsidise the provision for nursery-aged children. Robin Playgroup has worked in successful partnership with the school since 2004 and provides a high quality of education and childcare on the school site. The curriculum for all two to five year olds at Edward Feild would be led by a teacher, the Foundation Stage Co-ordinator.

For these reasons, following discussion with the county council, the governing body including the headteacher has voted in favour of the proposal.


What happens if the proposal doesn't go ahead?

The nursery school would incur a significant annual debt which would have to be absorbed by the primary school. This would seriously jeopardise both schools' ability to continue to provide a good to outstanding education for children at Edward Feild.

Signed: 
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Chair of Governors
Edward Feild Primary & Nursery Schools


C Wilkes
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Edward Feild Primary & Nursery Schools

I confirm that Robin Playgroup supports the above proposal

Signed 
Clare Cooper
Chair
Robin Playgroup