22nd June 2020

Dear Parents/Carers,

Firstly, I hope you are all well at this time. I am writing to you all to inform you of proposals which we feel will bring great benefits to you, your children and the school community. Recently, we were informed by the Management Group of Ravenfield Pre-School of their intention to close the facility at the end of the current academic year. In order to maintain pre-school education within the community for our children and families, we are very pleased to announce that we are proposing to expand provision at Ravenfield Primary Academy to meet the need for high quality early years provision within Ravenfield that this will leave.

The expanded provision would be based in the existing Early Years building and would utilise the existing pre-school facilities. We plan to welcome children aged from 3 years from the Ravenfield community and beyond. This new facility would build on the existing Ravenfield Pre-School provision and staffing as well as also benefitting from having full access to all the academy facilities. The Maltby Learning Trust will also update and refresh the environment prior to opening. Despite having all the advantages of being part of larger school, the new nursery will be very much a specialist Early Years setting. Most of our nursery children will progress into the academy but our setting will support transition to the next stage of their education wherever that might be. Unfortunately, the new provision will not be able to take children before the age of three – we have been assured that there is alternate provision within the local area which can be contacted through the Local Authority.

We are currently in the process of consulting on these proposals with a target of opening our facilities in September 2020, for the new academic year. This means that if you have already accepted a place at Ravenfield pre-school for your three-year-old, you will be guaranteed a place at the new nursery provision. It is important that all members, or prospective members, of our school community have the opportunity to feed into this consultation process. Therefore, if you have any questions or need clarification over anything which has been said in this letter, please do not hesitate to contact me at info@ravenfieldprimaryacademy.com.

This is a very exciting opportunity and we cannot wait to welcoming nursery children into our Ravenfield Academy family.

Kind regards

Caroline Coates