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Dear parents/carers,

We are very fortunate at Gisburn Road School to have our wonderful Preschool provision. Over the years this provision has evolved from a standalone provision in a separate building to being an integrated part of the school family.

We are very excited to let you know about our plans for the next stage of Preschool's journey. We have worked incredibly hard to create and implement a new school curriculum, bespoke to Gisburn Road. Children's learning journey begins in Preschool and knowledge is built year on year through to Year 6.

As part of this vision for a fully integrated curriculum, we would like to transition our Preschool from a County Council maintained Nursery to a Governor Led Provision, giving school greater autonomy in the way we feel the provision should be run.

The Preschool, as part of the Early Years Department along with Reception Class, would be overseen by Mrs Heaton, our Reception Teacher and Outstanding Early Years Leader. Integrating Preschool with Reception children in the Early Years Department will prepare children for a smooth transition into Reception class – at whichever school you choose to apply for.

The lengthy process of changing our Preschool from County council maintained to our own Governor led Preschool involves many stages – one being informing the public with a notice of closure from Lancashire County Council. **Please do not worry – we are NOT closing to you.**

The day to day running of Preschool will not feel any different for children or parents – they will still have their own class, with their own staff, and session times will remain the same. The changes will not affect you.

This is quite a lengthy process, which involves applying to Cabinet and asking parents for feedback, so you may receive a survey by post or email. If you have any questions please feel free to contact school.

We appreciate your continued support,

Mrs L Toor

Acting Headteacher

Together we dream it, believe it, achieve it!

