

Ben Wright

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 14 October 2016 09:37
To: Windsor Places
Subject: Closure of Nursery class kings court

To Ben Wright

I would to express my concern at the impending closure of the nursery class at kings court. I have two children at the school one who has been through the FS unit and one who is currently in the FS1 unit but will be in reception in September 17 when the proposal to close takes affect. Although this will not directly affect my family as my daughter will have moved into the next unit. I would like to explain why I have felt the need to respond.

The nursery and reception unit at the school was one of the deciding factors for my family to choose the school. We are practicing Catholic so had wanted my children to attend a faith school, however when I heard how children at this school get the opportunity to integrate between the FS1 unit and the FS2 unit during their time, I was really curious as to how this would benefit children and ultimately their learning. My oldest daughter was very shy and the thought of her having to settle into Nursery and then a year later moving into a different year and different teachers a different class room at this crucial stage in a 4/5 year olds life would have been over wellming and often enough to delaying learning for at least a term as the child becomes emotional secure and thus ready to take on learning, hence why we decided to look at Kings court nursery unit.

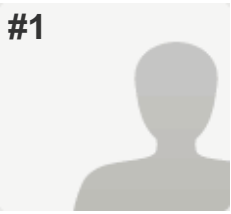
The fundamental basis for children to learn is feeling emotional secure and having the Nursery class as the feed into reception works exceptionally well, the children are school ready by the time they transition into the reception class but ultimately are emotional secure with the staff and the environment. I believe this contributes to the outstanding academic achievement and the records that 98% of children in the school are above national average in all areas at the end of reception. I believe without the nursery class the children will all be new to the school environment and will take longer to settle and longer to learn which ultimately will affect education and results.

Many Thanks

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Sent from my iPhone

#1



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Address



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King's Court First School

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I am against the closure of the nursery class in Kings Court First School.

I think it would be a great loss to the school to close the nursery class as the children gain so much from being in the school setting and the interaction with the reception children in the foundation stage setting.

It makes the transition of starting school much easier for the children and staff. The children know the school & staff and are happy to stay all day as they feel safe and secure. The staff also know the children which helps them to give them the best start.

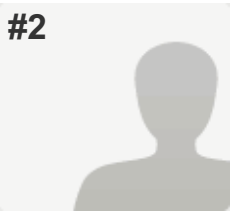
The children also gain from interacting with the reception children, seeing how they learn & play with each other. They also share skills and knowledge. My daughter loves playing with the children that have been in the nursery and are now in reception as she has made good friends with them.

It also offers completely free half day sessions (Am & PM) which is important for a lots of parents who struggle with the cost of childcare, or only want their children to experience short sessions in a formal childcare setting. It also gives parents a choice of sessions to fit in with the child's needs, and other activities.

The nursery is also very useful for parents that have to drop off or collect at Kings Court School, as it means one drop off in the morning or pick up in the afternoon. If my child had to attend another nursery then I would have to take my car, as it would be too much for my child to have to walk to another setting after the school drop off, and very short on time. This would mean more traffic on the roads, as currently we walk, as do a lot of other parents. There are also parents with Children at more than one school, adding an extra nursery setting could mean three separate drop offs or pick ups.

Could the nursery offer just one session instead of the two they currently offer? This could cut some costs, whilst still offering the children the opportunity they currently have, and enabling other children to have the same opportunity.

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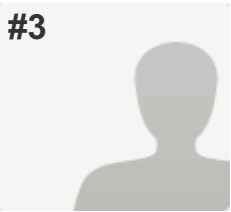
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I have a child in FS1 who will be starting FS2 in September 2017 and my other child will be hoping to start FS1 in the same month. If the nursery were to close this would be of great concern as other local providers are unable to confirm if a place for my second child would be available. Most likely if it were to close I would have to re-consider which school both children attend.

Furthermore, despite the opening of other providers such as Poppies Nursery and the Montessori School, the places available at these establishments are limited and have extensive waiting lists. I know because I have inquired about places last year for my eldest and also this year for my youngest.

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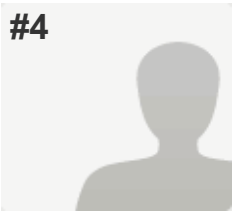
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The school provides an alternative to the only other pre school setting in Old Windsor which is on straight road. I have found that the school was able to offer both morning and afternoon sessions every day which was not available at the other pre school. I feel much happier sending my child to a pre school setting which follows on to a school, particularly with my daughter who was born in May 2013, therefore she only has one year of this setting before starting in September.

With my oldest daughter she started at Kings Court nursery before joining the Reception class. Having been at Kings Court nursery she was fully ready and settled at the school by the time she had to begin in Reception- something that would have taken much longer if she only joined in Reception; therefore hugely impacting her first few terms at school. We are expecting another child this month and I would be concerned about our options for her if the nursery at Kings Court was to close.

Finally, I cannot express highly enough the care and support that has been provided by the staff at Kings Court nursery; from settling in, to helping my children to thrive and develop in their care. It would be a great loss if some of these members of staff were to lose their position, as mentioned in the proposal.

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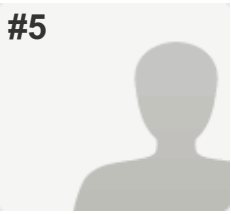
I think this is a terrible, terrible idea. I have 2 children who went to the nursery class at Kings Court and who then transitioned seamlessly into reception. They got a fantastic start to their school life by being able to attend the nursery - they understood how to behave, how to 'be' in school, they understood how to have lunch, social skills and so on. Yes there is a pre-school and independent nursery in Old Windsor but neither of these provide an intimate view of school life nor an introduction to education. Both of my children could read and write and knew their numbers before starting school and that was due in part to the nursery at Kings Court.

Also you should be aware that not only will 2 nursery nurses lose their jobs but also 2 lunchtime controllers who work with the nursery children to have lunch.

If you close the nursery you are taking away parent choice. Essentially parents will have to go to the pre-school which is not fair.

Please do not close the nursery. It is a valuable and much needed part of life in this village.

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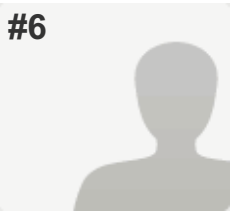
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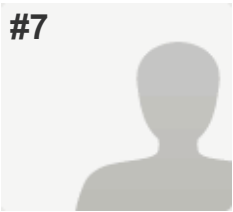
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I'm not in favour of this idea which I think removes choice from the local residents and which will deprive the area of a much needed resource that greatly benefits children in their early years. Nursery is not just a stable where you park you children while you're at work. I know some of the other nurseries around here try and offer some form of stimulation but it's not always done in the more structured way that the FS stage did at and does at Kings court. In face removing Kings Court will increase the numbers going to these alternative suppliers and lessen their ability to supply that. Both my two children went to the nursery class at Kings Court and then seamlessly moved into reception there. I was really impressed by the start they got and we had in fact moved both of them from the other local providers. Now I would add that from what I see and hear from other local residents the standards have fallen and that's why numbers may have decreased. At the time my kids were there the standards were high and they learnt how to 'be' in school, there was focus placed on social and life skills and even on some of the basic "how to eat" skills which unfortunately needed in some cases. Most importantly because there was a structure to what they were learning it built on the reading and writing we'd done with the kids at home and prepared them really well for the education to come.

If you close the nursery you are taking away parent choice. There are other providers but what happens is they fall below standard, where would that leave parents. It is the state's obligation to provide a base level supply at all levels.

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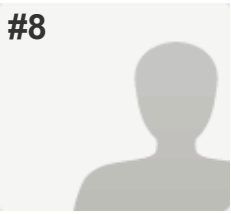
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I was shocked to hear of the potential closure and surprised its due to a lack of children attending the nursery. I was personally going to send my two children there and know of several other families who were going to do the same over the next few years.

A lot of young families are now moving to the area so I am surprised to hear that not many children are being born in Old Windsor.

Kings Court is the only nursery I have considered as it is local and all my neighbours have sent their children there.

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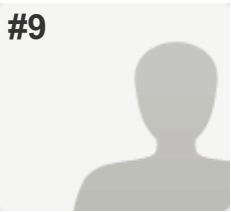
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Although this proposal affects amazing work colleagues, I have to be honest and say I have never seen such a short waiting list.

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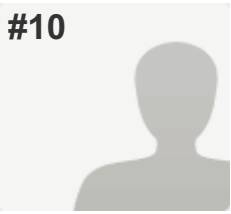
I feel that the proposed closure of the nursery class is a great loss to the village.

Both my children attend/have attended the setting and when applying for a space I found options in the local area very limited. There is the Old Windsor Memorial Pre-school which I found to be oversubscribed and Poppies nursery which requires a minimum of 2 full days and at a cost (which would not be fully covered by the government funding). If the Kings Court nursery does close this will put even more demand on local spaces. Equally, there may be government funding for up to 30 hours per week available from September 2017, again locally it will be difficult to access these hours.

It is quite challenging for some parents to collect/drop off children at lunchtime and local child-minders are often oversubscribed. Perhaps some full day sessions could be offered at Kings Court nursery? This may make it easier for working parents to utilise the nursery and increase numbers at both sessions. (As the school already has breakfast and after school club there is good wrap around care available for working parents, so the offer of some full day sessions would compliment this)

Kings Court nursery provides a great start for 3 year olds and can make transition to reception class much easier, it would be a shame to lose this.

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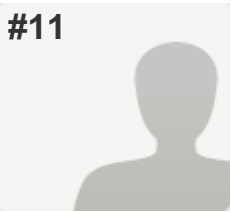
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The fall in numbers leading to a reduction in funding necessitates the closure.
Government education funding is not keeping up with rising costs and the main school can no longer subsidise a nursery class when forecasted numbers are so low.

Proposed closure of the nursery class at Kings Court First School

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St Peter's Church of England Middle School

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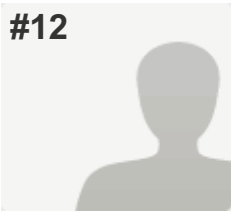
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I agree with the detail given and think it will benefit all children within the local community.

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Other school (please specify):

The Windsor Boy's School

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I believe that although there are a number of Nursery's in Old Windsor, Kings Court provides te children in this age group the opportunity to be part of the schools and experience what school life will be like for them when they are of school age.

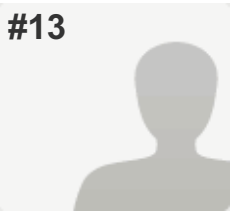
For parents with children at the school it is comforting to know that all your children need to be picked up and dropped of to the same location.

Parents get to know the teachers and build rapport which is very important when the child moves into the school. These relationships are key and especially for young children.

Moving into the school will provide them with a level of confidence and being with friends that they know.

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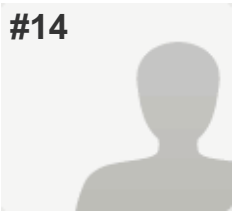
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Local school nurseries are difficult to find in the local area. As I working parent, I am unable to afford to send my daughter to a private nursery or child minder.

My child has an older step brother which currently attends Kings Court and she is familiar going to the school on a daily basis. We have set her expectations that she will soon be joining this school. It was extremely disappointing for the nursery to close in such a close knit village.

I attended this school as a child and would be deeply saddened to see this close, particularly with the good reputation that its nursery carries, hence the reason for registering my child so early on to ensure that she was given the opportunity of a space.

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Q1: 1. Name

Name



Q2: 2. Address

Address



Postcode



Q3: A parent of a pupil or pupils at:

School 1

School 2

Choose:

King's Court First School

St Peter's Church of England Middle School

Q4: A governor at:

Respondent skipped this question

Q5: A member of staff at:

Respondent skipped this question

Q6: A local resident:

Respondent skipped this question

Q7: Other (please specify below):

Respondent skipped this question

PAGE 3: 3. CLOSURE OF THE NURSERY CLASS - YOUR VIEWS

Q8: 4. Do you support the proposal to close the nursery class at King's Court First School?

No: I do not support the proposed closure.

Q9: 5. Before you heard about this proposal, were you planning on sending a child to the nursery class in future?

Yes

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Q10: 5a. Please indicate how many children you were planning to send to the nursery class in future:

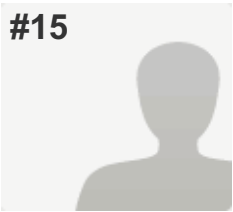
To start in the 2017/18 academic year

1 child

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It is extremely disappointing to learn that the nursery stage in all likelihood will cease to continue at King's Court. Both of my older boys attended King's Court nursery and found it to be a rich environment for development and learning, with some outstanding staff like Miss Vassalo, Mrs Flynn etc. I had intended to send my third son there in September 2017, and felt very assured that he would receive the same excellent foundation as his brothers. I am very distressed at the prospect of this very important stage of educational/development phase will cease. Given the size of the village, perhaps the borough council should have given more thought to the planning process/permission for other nurseries to operate in such close proximity.

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School 2

Choose:

King's Court First School

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Respondent skipped this question

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Respondent skipped this question

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Not relevant

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Respondent skipped this question

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The school has thought carefully about this decision and it is financially the best option. Although it will be a shame to lose the nursery class I fully support the proposal to close it.

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Name



Q2: 2. Address

Address



Postcode



Q3: A parent of a pupil or pupils at:

Respondent skipped this question

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Respondent skipped this question

Q5: A member of staff at:

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School 2

Choose:

King's Court First School

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Respondent skipped this question

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Not relevant

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having worked in the FS unit since its inception, I have been witness to the dwindling numbers of children in FS1, particularly in the afternoon sessions. As the Nursery is no longer funded as a 26 morning and 26 afternoon setting, the cost of staffing, particularly at the beginning of each academic year is unsustainable and therefore has a considerable impact on the rest of the school including the FS2 (reception age children.) The scenario of taking children in at a younger age is not possible as this would require even more staff and the facilities in the unit would not be adequate for the needs of much younger children.

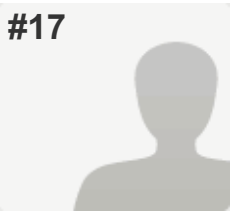
It is a pity that the closing the nursery would be the correct solution, but extending the 15 hour offer to nursery children also had an impact on space and staffing for the school, as well as a number of different providers now being present in the area.

There appears to be no future housing development plans for the Old Windsor area which would support keeping the nursery open.

If the nursery would continue, it would only have a negative impact across the school. Funding to pay for additional support staff in classes, such as Teaching support assistants, HLTA's and specialised teacher support has already been cut, to the detriment of all the pupils.

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Address



Postcode



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Respondent skipped this question

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School 1

School 2

Choose:

King's Court First School

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Respondent skipped this question

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Yes

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Not relevant

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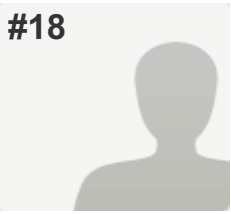
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Q11: 6. Comments. If you have any comments relating to the proposal, please give these below

I regret the proposed closure , though it is due to the lack of funds

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Q1: 1. Name

Name



Q2: 2. Address

Address



Postcode



Q3: A parent of a pupil or pupils at:

School 1

School 2

Choose: King's Court First School, with a child in the nursery class

Q4: A governor at:

Respondent skipped this question

Q5: A member of staff at:

Respondent skipped this question

Q6: A local resident:

Yes

Q7: Other (please specify below):

Respondent skipped this question

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Don't know

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Respondent skipped this question

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Kings Court Nursery is an excellent EYFS offering, and the only one of its kind in Old Windsor as in state / council controlled.

There are other options for parents in a nursery aged 0-5 (Poppies and more recently Montessori) However, both these offerings are managed by private companies and as such are less affordable to many as their rate far exceeds the government hourly allowance. Thus on a financial point alone, closing Kings Court may severely impact low-medium income families and for this reason I reject the proposal.

While I will not benefit directly from the nursery remaining open (my daughter will have been thru nursery by the time of proposed closure), I feel very sad that future Old Windsor Children will not benefit from the excellent foundation they gain from the dedication and focus of the nursery and regular staff.

I also feel that the outdoor space and mixing with older Reception Children helps to accelerate the nursery children's preparation for entry into reception class the following year.

In summary, closing Kings Court Nursery will be a significant loss for Old Windsor and will limit parental choice.... and in some cases, may reduce the amount of hours some families may be able to take up nursery places in more expensive offerings.

Whilst I appreciate the numbers have dropped, this should not detract from the fact that Kings Court Nursery is the only affordable

While there are other

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Respondent skipped this question

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Respondent skipped this question

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I appreciate that the governing body are in a difficult situation, however if there are insufficient numbers to support FS1 then the main school cannot continue to subsidise it, at the expense of pupils in the main school, indefinitely.



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I believe the nursery class should still be kept open for the following reasons.

1) I think the decision was premature because the application dates for September 2017 has not passed so there is still time to enrol more students. It seems strange to decide to act before parents had the opportunity to confirm whether they planned to enrol their children.

2) The government are increasing the allowed number of hours for nursery class from 15 to 30 per week, this makes KC Nursery class more appealing than ever before to parents who are working because they may no longer need a secondary carer for the remainder of the day.

3) There is a lack of suitable alternative schools nearby.

4) Why not DOWNSIZE the class if there are insufficient children by having a single teacher and more assistants, rather than 2 teachers?



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Q11: 6. Comments. If you have any comments relating to the proposal, please give these below

Makes sense, its a good proposal.



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Respondent skipped this question



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I fully support the proposed closure of the nursery at King's Court First School.

The cost of running the nursery is not being covered sufficiently by funding and the shortfall is being covered by budgets from elsewhere across the school. During my time as History/Geography subject leader the budget for these subjects has fallen by over a third. This has had a significant impact on the range of resources and enrichment opportunities provided for children in Key Stage One and Key Stage Two in this area of the curriculum. Other foundation subjects are also affected by similar budget cuts.

I also believe that the proposed closure would also benefit children in Foundation Stage 2 (Reception). The current Foundation Stage Unit encompasses both nursery class (FS1) and reception class (FS2) who are in separate rooms at various points during the school day. As the school is one and half form entry, this often means that up to 45 children in FS2 are confined to the larger room along with all the necessary resources required in such a unit. During inclement weather conditions, when the outdoor space is less desirable, this can be a challenging environment for young children. By closing the nursery, the 45 children could be divided into two smaller - and less intimidating - class groups and the resources spread between the two main teaching rooms.

At present, children are often sat on the floor during maths and literacy sessions in the larger room, or up to 15 children are taught in a smaller, rather cramped, side room. Spreading the resources between the two rooms would greatly increase the available space in the larger room, meaning additional seating could be provided. The children would then have the opportunity to sit more comfortably at tables while they complete tasks and I have no doubt that this would be beneficial to their learning.

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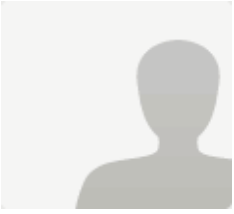
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