



Hanbury's Farm Community Primary School

Federated with Oakhill Community Primary School

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Dear Parents and carers,

Re. Hanburys Farm Early Years

In 2021, the management of the Early Years provision at Oakhill Primary School changed hands from the Early Years Alliance to being a Governor led provision, meaning that the school took responsibility and control over the provision, care and education of children under the age of 5.

Following site refurbishment, purchase of new resources and furniture, the provision at Oakhill has grown from strength to strength. This success has positively impacted upon the academic, social and emotional progress of the pupils who attend the setting and upon the transition of pupils moving to Reception. During this time, pupil numbers have continued to grow along with the further employment of experienced staff.

In order to replicate the success and quality of the Early Years Provision at Oakhill, the Governing Board of Hanbury's Farm and Oakhill Community Primary Schools have made the decision for the Preschool facility at Hanbury's Farm School to change from being operated by an external provider to becoming a Governor led provision.

As of Tuesday 28th February, the Preschool Learning Alliance will no longer be operating on site and Hanbury's Farm Community Primary School will be launching a Governor led Nursery provision - Hanbury's Farm Early Years.

In order to enhance the offering that the children will receive and ensure that the new provision is sustainable and financially viable, there are a number of changes being implemented that will affect some of those attending the existing provision.

Children born between September 1st 2018 and 31st August 2019

We will continue to offer Nursery provision for children born between **September 1st 2018 and 31st August 2019.**

If you would like to secure a place within the Nursery provision, please complete the form below as soon as possible.

[Microsoft Forms](#)

Upon completion of the form, we will send an application form to start the registration process. Please be aware that the number of places available will be limited.

In order to ensure a smooth transition, it is our intention that Hanbury's Farm Early Years will be employing **staff** that are currently working with your children in preschool. As a federation, we also use **FAMILY** to document learning and communicate, participate in forest school and undertake lots of extra curriculum enrichment activities throughout the year. Please follow the link to our webpage for more information of about the **high-quality provision** we will be offering you over the coming months.

[Early Years Provision across the Federation | Hanbury's Farm School \(hanburysfarm.staffs.sch.uk\)](#)

Children born after 1st September 2019

If your child is born after **1st September 2019**, unfortunately there will no sessions available at Hanbury's Farm Early Years immediately. It has been an incredibly difficult decision for the Board of Governors to make as we recognise the short-term impact that it may have on your family circumstances. For this reason, we have tried to give you as much prior notice as possible, in order for you to either make alternative arrangements or consider one of the following options:

- 1) We have provision available for 2- and 3-year-olds at **Oakhill Early Years**. If you are interested in a paid for or Think2 funded place for your child, please register your interest following this link. **Please be aware that there are limited places based on first come first served basis and we currently have a waiting list.**

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- 2) We have a Hanburys Farm **waiting list** open for children born between 1st September 2019 to 31st August 2020 to join our **Nursery Class in September 2023**

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Throughout this process, foremost in our thoughts has been the Community that we serve and whilst mindful of the potential impact that the above decision will have for some, we are excited at the prospect of seeing the children at Hanburys Farm experience the same positive outcomes and benefits that we have witnessed at Oakhill over the last 18 months.

I trust that there is sufficient detail above for everyone's needs, but please do not hesitate to contact the school should you require any further information.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'S Cain', written in a cursive style.

Mr S Cain

Chair of Governors