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Dear Parent/Carer,

Re: Proposed Nursery Provision - Urgent Response Needed (By 9am Monday 27th February) Please

As you may be aware, the Beehive Children's Centre attached to the school site, is shortly due to close. We are investigating the possibility of starting a nursery provision at Queen Boudica Primary School and therefore extending the range of services provided by our school. There are three main reasons why we are investigating such a venture:

- Data provided by Essex County Council indicates that there is currently not enough provision in our area to meet existing need. Some children find it difficult to obtain any or the full 15 hours of free entitlement, particularly children moving into the area during the year. With the number of new houses currently being built in Colchester, the need is likely to increase further, putting more pressure on pre-school provision and childcare.
- There is currently no nursery provision on the Northfields estate, meaning that many parents have to travel in order to secure this type of provision.
- We want to close the attainment gap between disadvantaged children and other children. Disadvantaged children attending a school nursery will have the benefit of continuous provision within one setting and could make more progress.

As part of this process, we are submitting a bid to run a nursery on site in the Children's Centre building. This facility would offer childcare for two year olds and upwards and could also offer extended provision for our current Breakfast and After School Clubs. There may also be the possibility of offering Holiday Clubs in the future.

Provision Questionnaire

In order to ensure that our bid for the new childcare service fully meets the needs of our community, it would be most helpful if you would complete the attached questionnaire helping us to create a facility that matches local need.

Your views are important to us and will shape the planning of any future provision. As we are working to a very tight timescale, please could you return your completed questionnaires by 9am on Monday 27th February.

Thank you for taking the time to complete our questionnaire.

Clare L. Woodward.

Ms C Woodward
Head Teacher





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Parental Demand Survey

(to assess need for)

Potential New Childcare Service at Queen Boudica Primary School

We are considering opening a new nursery provision here at Queen Boudica Primary School and would like to assess the demand for three types of nursery provision:

- Two year old nursery provision
- Three and four year old nursery provision
- Wrap around childcare related to the options above

The Nursery would be part of our school and staffed with a qualified teacher and other nursery staff holding the appropriate early year's qualifications.

Could all families please complete this short questionnaire and then return it to school no later than 9am on Monday 27th February 2017.

1. How many children do you have in your household?

Please put the number within the relevant age range box:

Under 1 year	1 year	2 years	3 years	4 years	5-6 years	7-8 years	9-10 years	11-13 years	Over 14yrs

2. Do you currently use any childcare or nursery facilities? Yes or No

2.1 If you answered 'No' and you **will not** require childcare or nursery places in the near future, please tick this box and return the form to the school office. No

2.2 If you answered 'No' but **will** be looking for childcare and/or nursery places in the near future, please continue with the questionnaire.

2.3 If you answered 'Yes' please indicate below what type of childcare or nursery provision you currently use by ticking all the boxes that apply:

<input type="checkbox"/>	Childminder	<input type="checkbox"/>	Breakfast Club
<input type="checkbox"/>	Pre-school	<input type="checkbox"/>	Afterschool Club
<input type="checkbox"/>	Nursery / Full Daycare	<input type="checkbox"/>	Holiday Clubs
<input type="checkbox"/>	Informal Childcare such as family or friends	<input type="checkbox"/>	Other (please elaborate in the space below)

8. Do you have any additional needs for childcare such as late shift or holiday cover, respite or special needs care that is not currently available to you? If yes please detail below and include the days and hours that would be required.

9. Rank the following factors in order of importance to you when choosing childcare with '1' being the most important and '6' being the least important.

A Safe & Secure Environment	Pricing	Flexibility of Hours	Quality of Variety of Play & Learning Facilities & Equipment	Quality of Care Provided	Happiness of child

Are there any additional factors that would influence your choice? (Detail below)

10. If a new nursery and/or wrap around childcare provision that met your needs were to be offered by the school, how likely would you be to utilise it?

I Would Not	Not Very Likely	Very Likely	Definitely
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Data Protection: This information will only be used for the purposes of this survey. However, if you would like to receive further information regarding any of the above and be kept updated about any new childcare provisions here at Queen Boudica please complete the section below.

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Address:	
Postcode:	
Home Telephone No:	Mobile Telephone No:
Email Address:	