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Dear Parents and carers,

### **September 2017**

We are writing to inform you of an exciting change coming to The Cygnets Milton Pre-School in September 2017. In order for us to meet the new government 30 hours free childcare scheme, we have decided to mix the age groups within the Ladybird and Bumblebee rooms.

We are confident that this change will be a positive step for the children. As well as developing relationships with their peers, they will be able to form bonds with children across the age bands. Older children will be able to model experiences to the younger children, naturally teaching them empathy and younger children will learn a lot from the older children, such as new play techniques.

We will continue to ensure age-appropriate activities are available for all children and ensure our planning incorporates every unique child. We will also plan in group times according to abilities and interests to ensure children can be guided to achieving their personal next steps and gain new experiences.

If you have any questions about the changes, please do not hesitate to speak to either myself, Alison Macklin, Deborah Reeve or Kerry O'Dell.

Yours faithfully,

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