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**Re: Admissions to Nursery**

Dear Parent/Guardian,

It has been brought to my attention that prior to the Christmas break; some pupils of Nursery age were invited to attend Blaendulais Primary School's Early Year's unit on a full-time basis. Whilst I fully understand the thinking behind this decision, it is proving unsustainable and, unfortunately, changes will be required.

As per School and Neath Port Talbot County Borough Council Admissions Policy, "Children can access a part-time nursery place from the start of the term following their third birthday." As a result:

- Nursery Pupils who are already in full time Nursery are welcome to remain in place.
- Nursery Pupils who are in their second year of Nursery (and are not yet full-time) will be invited as, and when, the Nursery Staff feel they are ready to access the full-time provision i.e. toilet trained, able to cope with a full day's nursery etc.
- Nursery Pupils in their first year of Nursery will remain part-time until their second year (as above).
- Reception Pupils are full-time.

We, as a school, feel this is the most appropriate course of action to take for reasons, including, but not exclusive of:

- Children will benefit from a calmer, more nurturing environment;
- Children will benefit from a more gradual introduction to school;
- Children will benefit from a higher adult/pupil ratio;
- The school is only funded for pupil places from Reception age onwards.

I am more than happy to discuss any concerns you may have regarding your child's education, and will always aim to make decisions based upon the best interests of the children.

Kind Regards,  
Mr G. Phillips  
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