



Headteacher

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URGENT – PLEASE READ AND RESPOND

Dear Parents and Carers

Unfortunately I have some serious news to share with you all.

The government have been consulting on a new funding formula for Early Years in the UK. If their proposals go ahead, the consequence will be a 'redistribution' of funds, which will ultimately result in the closure of our Nursery Schools! Luton Borough Council, along with many other local authorities around the country do not want our Nursery Schools to close, because research has shown, time and again, that we have the most dramatic impact on future life chances for all of our children and families – including those with Special Educational Needs or Disabilities, families in need of help and support, and those from areas of poverty or deprivation.

Nursery Schools do cost more to run, but studies have also shown that for every £1 spent on Nursery School Education, £7 is saved over 5 years, so not only would closing our Nursery Schools have a drastic and negative impact for children and families now, but it would also not make sense financially in the longer term.

**PLEASE HELP US TO SAVE OUR NURSERY SCHOOLS - YOUR HELP IS VITAL!
KEEP GRASMERE AND TADPOLES OPEN!**

Luton BC, along with the six Nursery Schools in Luton are campaigning to SAVE OUR NURSERY SCHOOLS, have already attended meetings in Westminster, and with local Councillors and MPs, and will be continuing to do so until this threat of closure is removed. However – we have been told that it is **PARENTS' AND CARERS' VOICES** that will carry the most weight in Parliament!

PLEASE make your voice heard in the following three ways:

1. Please sign our petition – either online at:
<https://you.38degrees.org.uk/petitions/petition-against-the-change-of-funding-for-nursery-schools-1> - and share on Facebook, Twitter etc. to reach the widest audience possible, or in person in the school foyer
2. Please email your MP and say how strongly you feel about this issue:
Luton North MP is Kelvin Hopkins: casework@kelvinhopkinsmp.com &
Luton South MP is Gavin Shuker: gavin.shuker.mp@parliament.uk
3. If you are happy to write a few words about how Grasmere/Tadpoles has been important to your child/ren and family, please email this to: admin@grasmere.nurseryluton.com or hand in to the office
4. Please pass on this request to any previous families and ask them to do the same

Together we can make a difference!

Many, many thanks for all your support in this matter.

All best wishes

Joy Luxford (Headteacher) and All Staff at Grasmere & Tadpoles