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Dear Parents and Carers,

## Re: Formation of an Early Years Unit

We are writing to inform you of an exciting development in our Early Years provision at Barncroft Primary. From Autumn Term 2, our two Reception (Year R) classes and the Preschool class (Barn Owls) will be working together as one cohesive Early Years Unit.

This change reflects our commitment to providing the very best learning experiences for our youngest children. By creating a single Early Years Unit, we are able to:

- Promote a smoother transition between Preschool and Reception
- Offer a wider range of learning opportunities through shared resources and collaborative activities
- Enable staff to work more flexibly and respond more effectively to each child's individual needs
- Foster a strong sense of community and continuity for children, families, and staff

The children will continue to be part of their own class groups for registration, key activities, and specific learning needs, but will also benefit from shared learning spaces and a more fluid, play-based approach throughout the day.

We are confident that this model will enhance the high-quality Early Years education already in place at our school, and help every child to thrive socially, emotionally, and academically.

If you have any questions or would like to know more about how the Early Years Unit will work in practice, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Thank you for your continued support.

Warm regards,

Stacey Humphreys

Reception Class Teacher/Early Years Lead

