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Dear Parents/Carers,

We are delighted to announce that we have some exciting plans in the pipeline for Little Explorers Preschool. These changes have been considered for some time and have recently started to take shape following the attendance on courses of a number of our team.

The overall intention is to take the setting towards a more natural and sustainable approach, moving away from plastic resources and using mostly wooden. We will incorporate more foliage and implement neutral coloured resources so that the attention in the room is drawn towards the children's work and their creations on display. This is intended to be a whole setting vision and go throughout the Birth to Three Room, The Foundation Stage Room, the foyer, offices and outdoor areas. We will be taking inspiration from several early years pioneers and combining these to make an approach which is right for us as a setting with the children we care for at the forefront of this. We will also be introducing age appropriate loose parts play which is something that can be transported around the room and provide the children with many different play opportunities.

This as a whole will support us to provide a stronger, more exciting and engaging learning environment - enabling us to develop ideas and opportunities for all of the children in our care. The theme we are following is proven to provide encouragement for open ended and imaginary play by enabling the children to think for themselves. We also plan to introduce forest school activities in our outside play and (once safe to do so) will make greater use of the school's outdoor areas too.

This vision is a long term plan so will involve many small and sustainable changes over time, so we plan to keep you all up to date with these changes through Tapestry and our new Facebook page - stay tuned.

In the meantime we will create a booklet with pictures to show you our end goal - combining a number of theorist visions – including the Hygge approach, Curiosity approach, Montessori approach and Forest Schools to name a few. All of the team are excited about this change because the children will gain a great deal from this new direction.

We will also soon be making a wish list of items we need for this, as well as making some exciting new purchases. Please do circulate our wish list amongst your family and friends to help us compile repurposed items and give them a new lease of life. We would welcome anything (item or idea) you think we could use to support our new vision.

We look forward to sharing our changes with you all.

Kind regards

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Fallows", enclosed in a thin black rectangular border.

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