

# St. Mark's Church of England Primary School



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Dear Parents

## Pre-School provision in Natland and Oxenholme

For many years Natland and Oxenholme Pre-School have provided nursery and childcare facilities in this area. We have always worked very closely with the Pre-school, helping to prepare a smooth transition for the large numbers of children each year who have moved from there into our Reception Class.

Until now the Pre-school has been able to use successfully the facilities of the Village Hall to run its activities. More recently, however, the pressure to offer 30 hours of childcare in the form of full days, has meant that Pre-School trustees have had to consider an alternative venue.

The Governing Body has worked with the Pre-School trustees and manager in recent weeks on a plan to convert the Nest (previously the Year 1 classroom) into a Pre-School room. We hope to be able to complete a small number of alterations during the Easter break with a view to welcoming the Pre-School children at some point in the Summer term.

Pre-School will continue as a Charitable Incorporated Organisation, run by the current staff, managed by their recently appointed manager, Kate Clark, and governed by a body of trustees. They will be tenants of the Governing Body of St Mark's School. The setting will need to be approved by Ofsted, as the Pre-School is separately registered as a nursery and childcare provider.

This is an exciting development and we are delighted to be able to help the Pre-School at this time.

During the Easter break the following work will be completed:

- A new set of double doors will be installed at the far end of the Nest, to the south of the building. This will become the main entrance to the Pre-School. *Contractor: AC Construction.*
- A ramp will be formed around the corner of the outside wall of the Nest, enabling pushchair access to the new Pre-School entrance. *Contractor: AC Construction.*
- A sound-proofed wall will be built to replace the original set of folding doors which separate the Nest from the current Year 2 classroom. *Contractor: Pinch Property Developers.*

The Local Authority has agreed to provide sustainability funding to the Pre-School to enable this work to be done.

We will, of course, keep parents up to date with this process, particularly when a day has been agreed for Pre-School activities to begin on the school site.

Yours sincerely

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Headteacher  
(on behalf of the Governing Body)