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Dear Parents/Carers

The Future of Sparrows Childcare

It is with great sadness that we have to inform you that due to diminishing numbers of children this year we have to take the hard decision to close our St Mary's nursery setting.

Following the recent Government direction the setting is currently closed but will open if the current restrictions are lifted, however the Sparrows setting will formally close on 22nd July 2020 at the end of the summer term. For child places from September please visit Newham Local Authority's webpage which lists all other local settings:

<https://www.newham.gov.uk/Pages/Category/Childcare.aspx>

This decision has not been taken lightly and is reflecting a national trend with fewer children attending pre-school settings.

Due to the current Covid 19 national crisis we are unable to call a parent's meeting, however should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact our Early Years Advisor Ann Sharp on asharp@chelmsford.anglican.org or our Transition Manager Dawn Weddell on dreddell@chelmsford.anglican.org.

As I am sure you will understand this is very hard for all our staff who have dedicated themselves to the education and care of your children here, however we would like to thank all our valued parents and carers and their fantastic children for their support and loyalty over the past years.

We would also like to take this opportunity to wish you all well and hope you and your families stay safe.

Yours faithfully

Revd Canon Ann Easter
Sparrows Board Chair

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