



10<sup>th</sup> March 2017

Dear Parents and Carers,

As you will be aware attached to the school is Kilmorie Children's Centre. This serves the Perry Vale Ward which includes families from our school community and has a separate budget to the school. The Children's Centre provides activities in the centre and outreach work from a family support worker.

Despite reductions in funding for the Children's Centre in 2015, because of our commitment to providing services for the community, we responded by keeping the Centre going but with fewer staff, a limited programme of events and a smaller reach of families. However in order to do this we had to use school staff and resources to help maintain services as the Children's Centre budget was insufficient.

The local authority has recently re-commissioned children's centre services across the borough. Regrettably, after much consideration, the Governing Body have decided that running a children's centre is not a viable nor sustainable option anymore and we can no longer run the Kilmorie Children's Centre. We need to ensure that all school funding is directed towards providing quality education for our Kilmorie children. However, a range of Children's Centre services will continue across the borough and information about these services will be provided by Lewisham in due course. We will ensure that our current families accessing services are sign-posted to these. Changes come into effect from 1<sup>st</sup> April although we hope to continue a limited number of the current services until the end of the school year.

In the future we intend to use the Children's Centre room for school activities which will include services for our Kilmorie families. We will allow other Children's Centre providers to run services from it when it is not being used by the school.

Although it is sad that we will no longer have a Children's Centre on site we are confident that this is the best and only way forward for our school community. The wellbeing of our Kilmorie families and education of our pupils will continue to be paramount.

If you have any questions about Children's Centres, please contact:

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**Please see the reverse of this letter for further information from Lewisham**

Yours faithfully,

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