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Dear Parent / Carers,

Following an analysis of our recent parent questionnaire, staff attendance at several 30 hour funding briefings presented by Wirral Borough Council and taking into account the other Early Years Educators in our area; we have decided that there will be no change to the existing pre-school structure in September 2017 at Avalon.

We truly believe that the pre-school education offered in our sessions is an excellent basis on which to start full time primary education at age 4/5. The content and structure of each session is designed to provide an age appropriate, stimulating and challenging learning environment and as such, meets the individual needs of each child.

We are a setting designed for early years education, to provide a positive experience and to instil a passion for learning at an early age. At present, we feel that facilitating the new proposed 30 hours of funding would compromise the nurturing environment and pastoral care that we work so hard to provide.

We will obviously continue to evaluate the service we provide on a regular basis and feedback from families that use the setting is pivotal in our decision making. We are incredibly proud of the pre-school and although we happily embrace change, especially where it supports our families, we have taken this decision in a bid not to alter the high standard of provision that we currently offer.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs J Callaway

**Headteacher**

Dr C Kidd

**Chair of Governors**