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Dear Parents/Carers,

Skamps Pre-school

Many of you will be aware of the uncomfortable situation the school finds itself in with regard to the on-site private pre-school provider, Skamps.

I felt it would be helpful for you to understand a little more about the issue and why our arrangement with the pre-school is coming to an end.

It is not the intention of the governing body or the school to put Skamps out of business but it will no longer be possible for the pre-school to operate from premises on the school site.

The school's governing body recently took a difficult decision to terminate occupation of the building used by Skamps Pre-school. Notice terminating the occupancy was served by Warwickshire County Council on the school's behalf on Monday 19 May.

The decision was reached following an unfortunate deterioration of the relationship between the school and the pre-school and the arrangement where the pre-school continued on the school site has become untenable.

The quality of the pre-school provision is not in question and Skamps Manager, Mrs Powell is free to operate the pre-school, subject to Ofsted registration, at any other suitable and available venue.

The pre-school has full use of the premises until the end of term to avoid any disruption to pupils and from September 2014 additional pre-school provision will be available at nearby Newdigate Nursery or with Skamps if the pre-school chooses to relocate.

In the meantime the Family Information Service is able to support families looking for alternative early education provision in the local area, the service can be contacted on 0845 090 8044.

The termination of Skamps Pre-School's occupancy will have no impact on the school's before and after school provision.

Emotions are running high at the moment and at such times it is easy to lose sight of the very difficult decisions schools have to make with regard to children's education. I urge parents to remain considerate and to refrain from engaging in social media gossip.

Many thanks

Christine Browne Dave Grove

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