

# Possible Closure of Elms Road Nursery School

Dear Parents and Carers,

Local Authority maintained nursery schools are very special places - your child is fortunate to be attending one of only seven remaining in Oxfordshire.

Nursery schools are specialist schools for three to five year olds, with all staff, including the Headteacher, specifically trained to educate and support the development of your very young children.

The quality and benefit of nursery school education has been proved and demonstrated through government-funded research, and Ofsted inspection results.

We are therefore shocked and distressed to learn that one of our Oxfordshire nursery schools is under threat of closure by the local authority. In financially and politically uncertain times, the possible closure of one nursery school highlights the vulnerability of this group of small specialist schools.

There is currently a consultation being carried out on the future of Elms Road Nursery School and we urge you to complete this, it can be found at the following address:

[www.oxfordshire.gov.uk/consultation](http://www.oxfordshire.gov.uk/consultation)

Alternatively, please sign our petition against the closure, which is displayed in the entrance hall.

Thank you for your support.

The Headteachers of Oxfordshire's Maintained Nursery Schools.

Research and inspection reports can be found on the following sites:

<http://eppe.ioe.ac.uk/>

<http://www.ofsted.gov.uk>