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Dear Parent/Carers

Re: Proposed expansion of St Peter's Anglican Methodist VC Primary School to include Nursery provision.

You may have seen recent reports in the media that the government are placing additional funding into the creation of nurseries within schools where there is a need.

Over the past 6 months, I have been in discussions with the local authority to investigate the proposal of creating a nursery within St Peter's. There is the evidence to suggest that there is a real shortage of pre-school places within the Pilning and Severn Beach ward. As a result, the decision by governors has been to take these discussions to the next stage.

We have recently consulted other local providers, which are only two within the ward. This was the first step on the pathway to journey we must take. The consultation will also be shared with the local community via our website and In View magazine. The consultation will close on Friday 29 November 2024.

We are now in the position of consulting you as parents as to your views on this proposal. Initially we would open the nursery to children aged between 3 and 4. Once this is established we would then offer places to 2 and 3 year olds. This would be after what we hope would be a successful capital funding bid to allow the school to build a purpose-built nursery provision on the school grounds. However, we would request that the DFE designate the school as taking 2 – 11 years olds straight away so not to have to reapply for another change in designation in the future.

The proposal is that if the consultation is successful the nursery would be opened in September 2025 and offer wraparound care from 8.00am to 6.00pm.

Please do take time to look at the consultation by clicking on the link below. It should take no more than 5 minutes to complete. Once the consultation has closed then we will send the results to the local authority for their consideration and hopefully agreement to the proposals.

[St Peter's Nursery Proposal consultation](#)

We look forward to your responses. I will contact you after the consultation has finished with the results and next steps.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'P.D. Smith', is written over a light blue horizontal line.

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