



MASON MOOR

PRIMARY SCHOOL

Wednesday 8 February 2023

YMCA Millbrook Pre-School Closure

Dear Parents and Carers,

Some of you may have read the article published yesterday in the Daily Echo, or may have seen the letter sent from YMCA Fairthorne in relation to the closure of the pre-school we share on our site.

It is with great regret that Mason Moor Primary School was not able to open the nursery, under our school name, in the timeframe that Southampton City Council and YMCA were working towards. Therefore, the pre-school will close for good on Tuesday 28 February 2023.

What does this mean for the children who are currently attending the pre-school?

YMCA and Southampton City Council are working hard to find alternative places at local nursery and pre-school sites. A list has been made available and parents and carers should receive information from the pre-school setting over the coming days.

Does that mean that Mason Moor will no longer have a Nursery?

We intend to open a Nursery, on the existing premises, but cannot confirm a date yet for doing so. It is likely that this will take place later in 2023, ready for September 2023. More details will follow, and parents and carers can register their interest at our main reception at the school – to be kept updated of the timings and on our mailing list.

Did Mason Moor Primary School walk away from the pre-school?

No. Some of you may have noticed that our Facebook page has provided updates for parents related to the Nursery and our Newsletter had even been updated to reflect a new class. Those who were picking up children last week would have also seen the signage – which had been changed to Mason Moor Nursery but has since had to be taken down.

Sadly, the bottom line was the timing. YMCA Millbrook and Southampton City Council just could not complete the transfer on time.

We know that there will be disappointment in the community, and we share this disappointment with you. Over the last couple of months, the school, alongside YMCA and its staff, have worked solidly to work towards the transfer – my staff and theirs have built a new curriculum, invested in new technology and supported the induction of staff to Mason Moor. Behind the scenes, the school had applied to Ofsted and the Department for Education for a change of provider status. We did everything we could!



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If you have any questions or would like to talk to us about the future nursery – please feel free to email your interest to: info@masonmoorprimary.co.uk

I am sorry not to be able to provide you with better news.

Yours sincerely

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