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Parents and Carers
Ann Bernadt Nursery School

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Dear Parent/ Carer

Consultation on the proposed closure of Ann Bernadt Nursery School

Ann Bernadt Nursery School is a maintained nursery school situated on the Willowbrook Estate on Chandler Way SE15 6DT. Pupil roll numbers at the school have been falling consistently for the last three years. Due to low pupil numbers and rolls at the school, as well as a growing deficit, made worse by falling rolls, the Council has considered a variety of options before taking the decision to consult on the proposed closure of the school in August 2024. The decision to consult on closure has been supported by the school's governing body.

In line with the Department for Education's (DfE) guidance, the local authority is now required to [follow the statutory processes for consultation on the closure of a maintained school](#). The closure proposal guidance involves a statutory consultation period starting on the **18th October 2023**, lasting for six weeks, completing at **5pm on the 6th December 2023**.

Full details of the proposal are attached as part of this letter, and will also be made available on the school's website at www.annbernadtnursery.co.uk

To respond to this consultation, please choose one of these options

- [Complete the online questionnaire here](#)
- Write to: Headteacher, Ann Bernadt Nursery School, 29 Chandler Way, London, SE15 6DT
- Complete the form attached and return to the school office
- Email a response to: questions.education@southwark.gov.uk

- Scan the following QR code and complete the online form



Hard copies of the consultation are available from the school office.

After the statutory consultation closing date of **6th December 2023 at 5pm**, these responses will be analysed and a Council decision on whether to proceed with the publication of a closure proposal for the school will be taken.

The final decision on the closure of Ann Bernadt Nursery School will be made by the Council's Cabinet, regarding any representations and objections received. This would take place in March 2024.

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Alasdair Smith', is positioned below the 'Yours faithfully' text.

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