

9th July 2026

Dear Sir or Madam,

I am writing to respond to statements made regarding the planning application for the Nursery building at Gorsefield Primary school.

- **The School has already exceeded the capacity of the site to accommodate it.**

The school has the same Pupil Admission number for the main school building. This has not changed since academisation, in fact, since academisation, the number of classes and numbers of pupils admitted in the main school building has reduced as the school no longer has an LA funded Resourced Provision unit.

Staffing numbers are linked to the pupil numbers in school, and their needs which have not increased.

For the Nursery building, which is separate from the school, pupil and staffing numbers are as follows.

	Existing	Proposed	Net Increase
Staff in School	32	32	0
Staff in Nursery	4	7	3
Children in School	410	410	0
Children in Nursery	36	59	23 This increase will occur over the next 2-3 years
Car Parking Spaces Total	30	30	0

The numbers of children housed within the nursery building is influenced by the EYFS statutory guidance which states the number of metres squared for each pupil. The school adheres strictly to this statutory framework at all times, therefore the capacity of the building has not been exceeded.

- **The current staffing levels exceed the size of the car park.**

The school car park will not be reduced in size by this planning application and is larger than most school car parks. The staffing levels will increase by 3 members of staff. School leaders will encourage staff members to walk, use public transport or car share, additionally school encourages the community to travel to school on foot, public transport or car share where possible.

Finally, for confirmation, the school opening and closing times will remain the same.

Yours faithfully,

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