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Dear Stakeholder

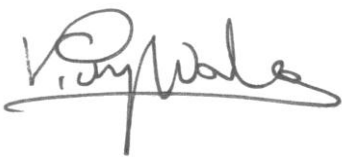
Re: Closure of Hillbourne Nursery

I write to let you know that the Borough of Poole has approved the proposal to change the lower age range of Hillbourne School and Nursery from 3-11 to 4-11 and to close the maintained Nursery with effect from 1 September 2014.

The reasons for the decision are as follows:

- The nursery class was opened in 2001 and has never reached its capacity;
- This low demand for places at the nursery means sessions are only available to local parents for the morning class; and
- The current childcare sufficiency assessment indicates that there are not enough children of pre-school age in the local area to sustain two providers for pre-school provision.

Yours sincerely



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