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Dear Parents and Carers,

I am writing to you as the newly appointed Executive Head Teacher at Connect Schools Academy Trust, with particular responsibility for our pre-schools at Greenwood and St George's.

I had hoped to be able to write to you all at this time with an update on the progress we have made at St George's and to share with you our plans for bringing our outstanding early years practice to this exciting new venture. Whilst those plans are still moving ahead, I have to let you know that, due to unforeseen circumstances, there is a possibility that the opening of St Georges' Pre-School may be delayed.

As a new pre-school there are many legalities which we have to complete before we can open, and we have been working hard behind the scenes to ensure that these formalities are complete. One of the statutory requirements is that the setting must be registered with Ofsted, and although our paperwork was sent in some time ago, the registration has yet to come through. Everything else is in place for the opening, and we remain hopeful that Ofsted will complete their part of the registration in time, but I wanted to make all our new parents aware of the situation in case you want to explore options for alternative short-term arrangements in September.

We are in regular contact with Ofsted to check on the progress of our application and we still hope that this will be approved during the summer holidays ready for our planned September opening. The Connect Schools will be closing soon for the summer break, but rest assured that we have made arrangements to ensure that we can maintain our contact with you. We will e-mail regular updates during the summer, and will also post all information to our website, <http://www.stgeorgespresch.co.uk/>.

I am sorry that my first contact with you is not more positive, and I do realise that you might be worried that your child's pre-school education is not starting out as smoothly as we would have hoped. Do please bear with us as we work to resolve this issue; we have exciting plans for St George's and I am very confident that we will be able to offer you and your child the very best quality of care and education. If you have any questions over the summer holidays that are not answered by the e-mail updates please contact me direct at: wgiles@csat.org.uk

The St George's team look forward to welcoming you

Yours sincerely

Wendy Giles
Executive Head Teacher

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