25 September 2025

**NOTIFICATION REGARDING THE FUTURE OF UGBOROUGH AND BITTAFORD PRESCHOOL, BREAKFAST AND AFTERSCHOOL CLUB**

Dear Parents, Carers and Community

1. Thank you again to everyone who has offered to help us at a very difficult time. Regretfully, the committee does not consider that the offers of assistance made by members of the preschool and wider community in recent weeks are collectively sufficient to keep the charity operating in a safe, compliant and sustainable manner and voted unanimously yesterday that the setting should close.
2. We recognise that this is a time of anxiety for everyone involved and we would ask you to be sensitive to that anxiety in others. At the heart of this, in addition to yourselves are six individuals who are being made redundant and several young children who will have to adapt to new routines. If you need to, please do write to us, the committee that have made this decision at: committee@ugboroughandbittafordpre-school.org.uk
3. **Preschool, breakfast, and after school club will continue to be open from 0800 - 1800 in the village hall each weekday until Thurs 23 Oct 25 (Friday is a non-pupil day).**
4. **Breakfast and Afterschool club will open again after half term at 0800 on Mon 3 Nov 25 at the primary school**.
5. We know that there are places available at early years settings in our area and the following link is recommended to preschooler families. <https://www.findchildcareindevon.co.uk/> If you are having difficulty finding a place, the Devon County Council childcare brokerage service may be able to help. <https://www.devon.gov.uk/children-families-education/early-years-and-childcare/childcare-brokerage/>

kind regards



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Ugborough & Bittaford Pre-school

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