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Dear Parent / Guardian

Closure of Little Oasis building at Three Lane Ends Academy

It is with regret that Castleford Academy Trust and Three Lane Ends Academy have to inform you that we must close the building at the school used by Little Oasis Nursery. We have given notice to Little Oasis to vacate the building by 17th November 2017.

There is a significant need to improve the infrastructure of the building in order to meet minimum fire safety requirements. Repair of the building to ensure the future safety of the children is not feasible. The school have worked tirelessly and it was an extremely difficult decision to close the building, but the health and safety of all the children and staff is paramount. The decision to close the building should not be seen as any criticism of the quality of services provided by Little Oasis.

We have encouraged Little Oasis to contact their customers, families and staff effected in order to try and minimise the disruption that this will cause. However, we see it as our duty to inform the school's stakeholders at this time without further delay.

We assume that Little Oasis will seek new premises elsewhere, but at the date of this letter we do not have any details to provide you. In the meantime we would like to make parents aware that we are working closely with the Childcare Sufficiency and Information Team, Wakefield Council who have assured us that as a back-up, there are places available in the local area for all the children who have early year's childcare at Little Oasis. Parents will be informed of this information directly from Little Oasis or can contact Wakefield Council. Little Oasis have been offered full support by Wakefield Council during this time.

Three Lane Ends Academy will continue to work closely with Wakefield Council to ensure that there is a breakfast and after school club to meet the needs of the parents within school and school will ensure that there will be a continuity in the care offered. Information will be passed from Wakefield Council or the school in the near future.

Once again we would like to express our regret at the decision which had to be made.

Yours sincerely

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Chair of Trustees