

Haddington golf club last Tuesday evening. Please see a minuted overview attached alongside the recommendations action plan and nursery action plan.

I hope this meeting was helpful and explained the current situation at the Pear Tree Nursery and the steps we are taking to make the necessary improvements. I wanted to clarify some of the points that I covered.

As I said at the meeting after a lot of consideration, we have had to take the very difficult decision that we cannot continue to offer places for children with additional needs at our nursery.

We know how difficult this is for the children and their parents concerned but we consider it is in the best interests of all the children and staff at the nursery. We don't have the staff in the nursery with the specialist skills and experience to support children with additional needs and fulfil their requirements. It also means that we can't offer the required staff to child ratio for all our children if we cater with children with additional needs as they require more specialist care so it impacts the quality of care for all our children.

The local authority has also withdrawn their funding for children with additional needs.

We are aware that this is a very upsetting situation for the parents involved and are working closely with them and local authority to find these children a new provision which provides the specialist care that they need and to ensure a smooth transition for them.

Our priority is to move the nursery forward by making the improvements required by the Care Inspectorate I to ensure we provide high quality care and support for every child in our nursery.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you would like to discuss this further