



# Cookridge Primary School

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## **Cookridge Primary School's official statement update**

Lynne Hunter, the headteacher at Cookridge Primary School, said: "I have huge sympathy for the parents, children and staff of the nursery. The decision taken by the Early Years Alliance to close the nursery comes after four years of hard work by the team and governing body at Cookridge Primary School to resolve a very difficult situation. Over that period, no lease was in place, and the school received no rent despite having to cover the costs of maintaining and managing the building. It is a situation that is unsustainable for any primary school where financial pressures mean we have to watch every penny.

"We support every child at Cookridge Primary School by providing good quality education and a supportive environment, alongside breakfast and after school clubs. We kept Leeds City Council fully informed of the situation and support their work to help families find alternative nursery places.

"We can understand the disappointment of the nursery parents, but I would ask them to respect Cookridge Primary School as a place of learning and be respectful of our students. Some of the behaviour in recent days has been unacceptable and scary for the children."

Our school is committed to safeguarding and promoting the wellbeing of all children, staff and visitors. In order to sustain high levels of safeguarding, visitors and volunteers are expected to share this commitment.

