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Northern Pastures Pre-School

Five years ago Portfields School were in a position where there were 2 classrooms within the school that weren't in everyday use due to year seven moving and being integrated into the secondary school system. We had always had a good working relationship with Northern Pastures Pre-School and so when Portfields were approached about letting the rooms to Northern Pastures we were delighted to agree.

For three years we have seen increasing numbers of pupils and in the last two years we have increased our Early Years Foundation from a three form entry to a four form entry. To accommodate the increased numbers we have carried out two internal extension projects in the last 18 months making a new classroom in EYFS from existing space and relocating our library into an area that was under utilised. We have also taken other decisions to best use the space we have.

Looking forward to the next school year we are in a position where we have run out of space as the four form year groups move through the school. Therefore we have had to make the very difficult decision to ask Northern Pastures to find alternative accommodation to allow us to reclaim the rooms they currently use and bring them back into the school.

We have enjoyed having Northern Pastures within the school and have built a strong working relationship and it is with deep regret that we have had to serve notice on the Northern Pastures tenancy. Northern Pastures have been asked to find alternative accommodation by the start of the summer term 2012 as we need the summer term to allow us to refurbish and reintegrate the rooms back into school use.

I would like to thank Northern Pastures for the time they have spent with us. Please let me assure you that this decision has been a very difficult one and is in no way any negative reflection on Northern Pastures. I hope we will be able to continue our longstanding professional relationship with them and we look forward to welcoming their pupils into EYFS for many years to come.

Yours sincerely,

Matthew Carter
Chair of Governors