

## **STATEMENT FROM CROFTON BAPTIST CHURCH CONCERNING CROFTON EARLY LEARNERS**

For over seventy years, Crofton Baptist Church has been deeply rooted in and committed to serving our local community. Over that time, many different ministries and community groups have shared in the life of our church, including Crofton Early Learners (CEL) which has been based on our site for many years and is much-loved by many local families.

Although CEL has long been part of our wider church community, it is an independent charity with its own board of trustees who oversee its operations and decision-making.

We have been made aware that the trustees are facing difficult decisions which may result in the preschool closing at the end of this Autumn term. This is very sad news for all who love the setting, and we recognise how difficult this is for the staff, the families, and especially the children who have been part of the preschool community. They remain very much in our thoughts and prayers.

As a church, we care deeply about all those affected by this situation and we want to do what we can to support them. We will provide updates via our website when we have further information to share: <https://www.croftonbaptist.org.uk/>

**The Leadership Team at Crofton Baptist Church**