



21<sup>st</sup> July 2017

Dear Parents,

### Early Years Provision in Ayios Nikolaos from September 2017

Since the temporary closure of the old Early Years 0-3 setting (crèche) at the end of June, DCYP/MOD Schools has worked in partnership with Command to develop our early years offer on Ayios Nikolaos Station for the new academic year. I am pleased to inform you that the new 0-3 Early Years setting will open its doors in September following the successful recruitment of staff and the completion of the fantastic new building. This child care provision for 0-3 year olds will be overseen by Louise Williams (Early Years Manager of all the 0-3 settings on Cyprus). Jayne O'Hare, MOD Schools Early Years Strategy Manager will be emailing all parents today with details of the provision at the 0-3 setting and how to access it.

Early Years provision for our nursery aged children (3-4 years\*) will also look slightly different in September. We will continue to offer a morning session (0800-1100) each day which equates to 15 hours of educational provision for every child but we will also offer an additional session (1100-1400) for any children who qualify for the 'extended free childcare entitlement' in line with other MOD and UK based schools. This would mean your child could access up to an extra 15 hours per week. In order for your child to access this second session each day you must meet the eligibility requirements set out in the information guidance titled 'EXTENDED FREE CHILDCARE ENTITLEMENT IN OVERSEAS LOCATIONS' and you must complete the application form (DCYP FORM 009) along with any supporting information requested on the forms.

All of this information is available on our school website, and as attachments to this letter. Please email completed application forms to India Mears in our school office, [ayn.admissions@modschoools.org](mailto:ayn.admissions@modschoools.org) and to [DCYP-CEAS-Enquiries@mod.uk](mailto:DCYP-CEAS-Enquiries@mod.uk). As the summer holidays start tomorrow parents also need to copy me in to their applications at [ayn.head@modschoools.org](mailto:ayn.head@modschoools.org). This is really important so that we can ensure that we are up and running for the start of the Autumn term on 6<sup>th</sup> September.

For parents who are not eligible to access the second session for free, children can still access this provision but this will need to be paid for. The cost is £4.57 per hour and parents would need to commit to at least one full session (i.e. 3 hours at a cost of £13.71) per week for a full term. Places in this session are subject to availability and will be reviewed each term. If you are interested in a 'paid for' place then please email me at [ayn.head@modschoools.org](mailto:ayn.head@modschoools.org) stating clearly which days of the week that you would wish your child to attend.

Thank you for your understanding and continued support.  
Yours sincerely,

*S-J Baillie*

\*Children join FS1 Sunbeams the term after their third birthday. Cut off dates used are 31<sup>st</sup> August, 31<sup>st</sup> December and 31<sup>st</sup> March.

