



The Oasis

Work Play Eat Make Learn

Nature in Mind and Wellbeing at Heart

A proposal for the use of Florence Park Children's Centre

Despite a strong local campaign to keep Oxfordshire's children's centres open, the government has withdrawn funding for all but a few, and, as a result, the county council is due to decommission Florence Park Children's Centre in February 2017. The council is giving community groups the first chance to propose how they could run the centre, before offering the opportunity out to corporate organisations. The Nature Effect is a local Community Interest Company. Its proposal is to retain Florence Park Children's Centre for childcare whilst developing the Centre for community interest and creativity, with strong values of wellbeing, learning, social inclusion and responsibility for others and the environment.

What will The Oasis be?

The Oasis would transform the current children's centre in Florence Park into:

- A nursery offering childcare and early education with a strong ethos of creativity, play and outdoor learning;
- A welcoming space for the whole community to connect and network – to work, play, eat, make and learn together;
- Continuing to offer a friendly place for the parents and carers who currently use the centre;
- Hot-desking for local community groups and individuals.

Why is it a good idea for the Florence Park area?

- The nursery will provide childcare with a focus on play and connection with nature and the outdoors.
- It will improve the local environment with a friendly, open space for all.
- In our modern, busy city lives we need a place where we can escape from stress to relax, meet and reconnect with other people.
- It will provide local jobs, and as The Nature Effect is a local company, all money made goes back into improving the community.

