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To whom it may concern,

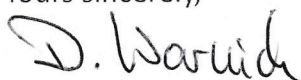
My name is Damaris Warnick, I am the Day Programme Co-ordinator at the Alzheimers Marlborough. We are a day programme centre called The Wither Road Club for people who are living with dementia. I am responsible for organising meaningful activities that also involve endeavours with the local community such as the library, cafes and schools.

It is my pleasure to write this letter in support of the proposal by Little Footsteps pre-school being submitted to the Marlborough District council. In the past we have been trying to create a long-lasting friendship with the schools and pre-schools in the Witherlea area with no success. Since Little Footsteps has become our new neighbours, we have built a relationship that has been very refreshing to our club members. We have seen the great benefits on those days when the children are coming over for a visit, with our club members showing higher level of positive engagement when interacting with the children. We are looking forward to the visits as much as the children do and we are hoping to form long lasting friendships with Little Footsteps pre-school.

With both buildings so close together there are many advantages. We can hear the sound of the children and laughter when they play outside and occasionally our group would walk over and say hello through the fence. We can assure the safety and wellbeing of the groups as there is no traveling involved for their visits to the Wither Road Club and impromptu visits for small and bigger groups are easily possible. With that we are hoping to implement an intergenerational programme together with Little Footsteps and improve social development for both groups.

Thank you very much for your time, please do not hesitate to call me.
I am only too happy to assist.

Yours sincerely,



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