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It is with sadness that Children First advises that, after five years of providing Outside School Hours Care (OOSH) at Tamworth South Public School, we have made the difficult decision not to renew our licence to operate the service beyond 2026.

The education and care sector is currently facing significant challenges, including rising operating and staffing costs, decreasing service utilisation, workforce shortages and recruitment difficulties. These pressures have also affected Tamworth South, and have led to the difficult decision to cease operation at Tamworth South Public School.

Children First will continue to provide Before and After School Care as usual until the end of Term 4 2026, with Vacation Care available on Friday 18 December 2026. **Friday 18 December 2026 will be our final day of operation at Tamworth South Public School.**

Children First will not be operating the service in 2027.

The NSW Department of Education is working to identify a suitable new provider to continue OOSH care at Tamworth South Public School in 2027, and we remain in consultation with the Department and the school. We are committed to doing everything we reasonably can to make the transition as smooth and supportive as possible for the school, the Department, current families and any incoming provider, and will update this notice as further information becomes available.

We sincerely thank the Tamworth South Public School community for welcoming Children First over the past five years. It has been a privilege to care for local children and be part of the school community. We also want to acknowledge the wonderful work of our team, whose dedication, care and professionalism have made a real difference to the children and families they have supported.

Children First Tamworth South Outside School Hours